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CRIMINAL GENIUS

THE COLONY'S MASTER MIND

A POLICE TRAIL

On the Track of A Hard-Bitten Robber Gang

STORY OF THE WOMAN "FENCE"

[By "Li Chung-yn"]

Important secrets as to the ways of Hong Kong's denizens of the underworld have come into my possession, and below I set out the story of the gang of robbers "bossed" by one Lau On, admittedly among his fraternity the King of the Crooks. Few of the band, however, have seen Lau On, there existing an elaborate system of conducting "business" which keeps him out of actual robberies and leaves him free to plan and consolidate the reports of his subordinates into fruitful scheme of looting. The arrest of two men by the Police led to an investigation which has allowed me to come into possession of the facts I relate below. One openly admitted in Court that he was acting under the instructions of the notorious Lau On and confessed to a number of burglaries. So intricate are the workings of this gang, however, that only one crime has been brought home to him. Nevertheless, I think events are moving in the direction of the smashing of a gang which, even in the criminal world of the Colony, is feared as much as are the police themselves.

A BIG SMASH COMING?

To have brazenly admitted that, between them, they had committed several gang robberies in various parts of the Colony, and for the Criminal Investigation Department to be powerless to secure more than one conviction against each man, is the experience of two prisoners who came up separately at the Criminal Sessions.

Hung Yau, who pleaded "guilty" to armed robbery of women at the 4th floor of No. 363, Des Voeux-road West, Point, to the extent of about \$1,000, on Aug. 30, told the Police Judge that he was "acting under the instructions of Lau On." This seems to have been true in that Lau On is the master mind behind a gang which has an intricate system of admission into its ranks.

Hung Yau was arrested during a Police raid on a loft on top of No. 142, Hollywood-road, in the central district, on Sept. 29, when a woman and another man were also taken into custody.

Victims Reluctant

The other man's name is Lau Cho. He was charged before Mr. Justice Jackson and a jury with armed robbery at the 2nd floor of No. 31, Hay Wong-terrace, Kennedy Town, on July 21. His plea of "not guilty" was of no avail because the jury, after a short retirement, returned a unanimous verdict of "guilty."

By a coincidence, Hung Yau got five years' hard labour and twelve strokes of the "cat" and the sentence on Lau Cho was the same. Although Hung Yau (the man who admitted at the Sessions) said he was "acting under the instructions of somebody else," he confessed to five or six robberies during the last few months, mostly in the western district.

But because the victims have either removed, left the Colony, or refrained from coming forward to identify and give evidence, the Police were able to bring only one conviction against him.

Feverish Inquiries

The raid was executed on a Saturday. On the following Monday the woman and the two men were formally charged before Mr. R. E. Lindell. Remands were immediately applied for and granted. Then began a week of feverish inquiries by the Police.

Of the mass of information which the Police secured, much was substantially true. Loot was traced to pawnshops or elsewhere but the owners were not to be found. In fact, some of the victims—rather than assist the Police (after having made the initial report)—preferred to keep out of the way. In other cases, complainants were gathered but they either failed or refused to identify the culprits when the latter were put up on parade.

The probabilities, however, are that convicts of this type, on expiry of sentence, will be banished for long terms.

The Grand Chief

Lau Cho is also known to have taken part in more than one crime, but only one robbery was proved against him.

As a result of minute investigation by detectives, the gang's secrets have come to light.

A new member must take part in at least two successful robberies before he is admitted to full rights. In other words, he has to engineer two raids which will benefit the old hands before the old hands will, in turn, call upon his services for some other job.

To be admitted into the inner circle, a member must have not less than five robberies to his credit. Admission into the inner circle brings in its train appointment to a "post" with a high-sounding title, and confers the privilege of seeing the grand chief in person (instead of through mysterious intermediaries) and also the password into the gang's headquarters, believed to have been in Kowloon City but never tracked down.

From what little knowledge I have of Triad Societies, I am of the opinion that these bombastic titles of officials were based on Triad Society literature. Beyond what is very meagre, however, it is impossible to go, in spite of the daring initiative shown by the "volunteer" who was delegated to sleep himself in crime, "out-rob" the old hands, and thus attempt to enter the holy of holies.

A Volunteer's Resource

Nevertheless, had it not been for the exceptional resourcefulness of the "volunteer" (who is called such for want of a better term), not even the raid would have been accomplished. He took risks and was trusted to a certain extent by some of the gang, but others would have none of him.

The Police are confident that they have broken up the activities of the gang. The woman who was arrested at the time of the raid has been in hospital, undergoing treatment for an incurable disease. As she is to come up before the Police Magistrate on a serious charge next week, more cannot be disclosed about her except that she is 55 years of age, is believed to be a widow, and that the formal charge preferred against her was one of receiving stolen property. In the parlance of the underworld, she is alleged to be the "fence" of the gang.

SALT & LOANS

DIPLOMATIC BODY TO MEET

BANKS' OPPOSITION

Peking, Yesterday. The ministers of the interested Powers are meeting to-morrow to discuss the salt situation. It is understood that the heads of the banking groups are still strenuously opposing the recent Nationalist Government proposals regarding loans secured on the Salt Gabelle. —Reuter.

GOVT. SALARIES TO BE CONSIDERED

3 COMMISSIONERS

CHIEF JUSTICE AS CHAIRMAN: SCOPE OUTLINED

1 CHINESE & 1 BRITISH TO SIT

Consisting only of the Chief Justice, the senior Chinese representative of the Legislative Council, and Mr. Paul Laufer (General Manager of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.), with a secretary, the Hong Kong (Civil Service) Salaries Commission has been appointed.

As was foreshadowed by the Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.M.G.), in moving the first reading of the 1929 Supply Bill last month,

"the salaries of a large part of the Government service have been under review for some time and in accordance with Sir Cecil Clementi's recommendations to the Secretary of State (for the Colonies) it is anticipated that a Revision Commission will shortly sit to consider the matter comprehensively."

Mr. Hallifax also referred to "certain temporary provisional additions" which had been approved by the Secretary of State and approved by the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council. Initial salaries have been raised, he also said, to meet recruiting difficulties. And more higher grade posts had been created for the junior clerical service.

In the "Government Gazette" to-day appears an announcement by H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.) appointing Commissioners to

consider and advise upon the adequacy of the salary scales of officers employed by the Government of Hong Kong.

make recommendations concerning the currency basis on which the salaries of officers ordinarily recruited in England should be quoted and paid when in the Colony and on leave.

make recommendations regarding the principles on which acting pay, charge allowances and overtime allowances should be granted.

Those appointed are:—

His Honour the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan, Kt. Bach., C.B.E., K.C.), Chairman, The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Kt. Bach., member of the Executive and Legislative Councils, Mr. Paul Laufer,

with Mr. W. J. Carrie, the Assistant Colonial Secretary and Clerk of Councils as Secretary.

For all purposes, two Commissioners shall constitute a quorum. The Commissioners are to have all the powers, rights and privileges provided by Ordinance and they are to report their findings and recommendations as early as possible.

REPARATIONS

CHURCHILL'S UNEXPECTED VISIT TO PARIS

MR. P. MORGAN PRESENT

Paris, Yesterday.

Mr. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, unexpectedly arrived early this morning on a lightning visit to discuss with M. Poincare and Mr. Parker Gilbert, the Agent-General for reparations payments, the latest phase of the reparations problem. Conversations lasted eighty minutes.

A communiqué states that the constitution of the committee of experts contemplated in the recent Geneva communiqué was discussed, and the exchange of views will continue during the coming days between all the governments concerned.

Mr. Parker Gilbert spent the week end in London on a brief but important visit in the course of which he held conversations with Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Churchill and leading Government officials.

"Very Significant"

Mr. Churchill subsequently lunched with Mr. Parker Gilbert and Mr. Pierpont Morgan. The latter's presence is regarded as being very significant as the marketing of the German Debt largely depends on the United States. —Reuter.

THE G. O. C. SOUTH CHINA COMMAND

AN APPOINTMENT

MAJ.-GENERAL SANDILANDS SUCCEEDS MAJ. GEN. LUARD

DISTINGUISHED CAREER

London, Yesterday. Major General J. W. Sandilands has been appointed General Officer Commanding the South China Command in succession to Major General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., Reuter.

New G.O.C.'s Career.

[Maj.-General Sandilands, C.B. (1919), C.M.G. (1916), D.S.O. (1902), was Colonel of the 2nd Cameron Highlanders and has been Military Attache at The Hague since 1924.

He is the second of the late A. Sandilands and was born on September 6, 1874.

Maj.-General Sandilands was educated at Harrow. 2nd Lieut. 1897; Lieut. 1898; Captain, 1901; Major, 1916; served Sudan Campaign, 1898 (Khedive's medal, two clasps); Atbara, Khartum (Queen's medal, despatches); served South African campaign (Queen's medal, five clasps—Cape Colony, Johannesburg, S. Africa, 1901); dangerously wounded, Noidedacht (despatches twice, Queen's medal 5 clasps, D.S.O.); European War, 1914-18 (despatches, C.B., C.M.G., Bt. Col.); General Staff, Western Command, 1909-5; Staff College, 1909-10; Commanded an Infantry Brigade, 1916-24.]

MONSOON WEATHER

Official forecasts for to-morrow, are as follows:—Local, and south coast to Hainan: Fresh N. E. winds, fine. Hong Kong to Lamook, Forquosa Channel: Strong N. E. winds. At 10.03 a.m. to-day the Observatory reported: The anticyclone is unchanged and fresh to strong winds will continue along the coast and over the North China Sea.

U.S. PRESIDENCY

HOW THE CAMPAIGN IS CONDUCTED

HOOVER "BRITISH?"

Washington, Yesterday.

The allegation that Mr. Hoover had once been "a British citizen" and had voted at a British election was made the subject of a statement by Doctor Work, chairman of the Republican Committee. This, however, does not deal with the enquiry reported to have been addressed to the mayor of Johannesburg, asking whether Mr. Hoover voted in the Transvaal election, and suggesting that this will disqualify him from standing for the presidency.

Dr. Work says that photostatic copies of British electoral lists exist on which Mr. Hoover's name appears, because he once tenanted a house in the neighbourhood of London and paid taxes in England, but he never attempted to vote.

Dr. Work's statement is prompted by the intention of "Al" Smith to tell the story in the course of the "whirlwind finish" for which he always reserves himself, and a Democratic endeavour to ascribe "pro-British" tendencies to Hoover.

Mr. Hoover, in an interview, has denied that he ever voted in the Transvaal or anywhere else outside his own country. A statement substantiating his denial has been issued by the State Department in Washington.

Dr. Work says Hoover is the victim of a plot to lead the Americans to believe that Hoover once applied for British citizenship. Dr. Work has obtained a certificate from the British authorities that no such application was ever presented.

Mr. Hoover was not aware until recently that his name was on the London lists. —Reuter's American Service.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 3/16.

ATTEMPT ON "YOUNG GENERAL"

A JAPANESE PLOT?

CHANG HSUEH-LIANG'S ESCAPE WHEN ON PARADE

HIS ASSAILANT CAPTURED

General Chang Hsueh-liang, eldest son of the late Marshal Chang Tso-lin, and head of the Manchurian Government, is reported to have escaped from a shot alleged to have been fired in Mukden by a Japanese assailant.

The "Young General," as it is called, is stated to have been inspecting his troops at Mukden (capital of Manchuria) on Oct. 11. The shot, according to the message to hand, missed him and the man who fired was captured and is now being examined.

It will be recalled that his father, Chang Tso-lin, on retreating from Peking, was wounded in his train by bombs, on approaching Mukden, and subsequently succumbed. Putnam Weale (Mr. B. Lennox Simpson) stated afterwards that Japanese secret societies were responsible.

How News Got Out

The Japanese subsequently disapproved of General Chang Hsueh-liang's agreement to terms of co-operation with the National Government at Nanking but difficulties appear to have diminished of late.

This report of the attempted assassination has come in a roundabout manner. General Wei-lan has returned to Peking from Mukden. A few years ago he surrendered to the "Northern" and then, in turn, gave in to the Nationalists. He is quoted as having spoken of the plot and its meagre details. The "Tai Kwong Po" gives the assailant's nationality as Japanese but the "Kung Sheng Yat Po" calls him "a subject of a certain country."

His Interest in Jehol?

Peking, Yesterday. According to the vernacular papers, General Chang Hsueh-liang has placed himself further behind General Tang Yu-lin by recommending the Nanking Government to appoint Tang Yu-lin as chairman of the Jehol Government and Tang's leading henchmen to other posts therein.

Tang Yu-lin has formed a government including these officers, without waiting for Nanking's reply. —Reuter.

TRAFALGAR DAY.

LOCAL NAVY LEAGUE OBSERVANCE

WREATH AT CENOTAPH

In the unavoidable absence of Sir H. E. Pollock, President, Mr. Paul Laufer, Vice-President, and Mr. A. L. Shields carried the Navy League wreath at to-day's ceremony at the Cenotaph in honour of Trafalgar Day.

Capt. A. J. L. Whyte, A.D.C. to H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, placed a special wreath at the base of the Cenotaph on behalf of the Government. Commodore J. L. Pearson, accompanied by Pay-Commander H. Rogers, O.B.E., secretary, represented the Royal Navy, and others present were Mr. R. Sutherland, O.B.E., Mr. W. A. Dowley, Mr. C. P. Marcel (Hon. Secretary, Navy League) and Mr. W. J. Stokes, representing the Merchant Officers and Engineers Guilds. A similar ceremony was enacted at the Wanchai Monument.

BELGIAN PRINCE

CONTEMPLATING VOYAGE TO DUTCH-INDIES

Brussels, Yesterday.

Prince Leopold of Belgium is reported to be contemplating a voyage to the Dutch East Indies shortly for the purposes of study. —Reuter.

San Quentin, Cal., Yesterday. Hickman (known as the "Fox Murderer") has been hanged. —Reuter's American Service.

IS THAT SO?

Thoughts Terse, Perverse—and Worse.

"From what I can see of the modern girl . . .," a doctor begins an article in a daily paper . . . Doctors have exceptional opportunities.

Heading:—"Feng as Minister for War." The "Christian General."

"Dentists at Dinner," says a headline . . . Filling a cavity?

It is the first sign of middle-age when people begin to tell you that you look as young as ever.

The legs of Mistinguette, the French dancer, are insured for thousands of francs . . . A case of the Golden Calf.

The S.C.M.P. reference to "those who love the free and open wily fox" was evidently written in The Hunters' Arms.

"Giant Zeppelin takes the air," says a picture-caption. Human beings have long ceased this pleasant practice.

A man, sent to the bank to change a cheque, went to Shanghai with the money. He thought the change would do him good.

What with "Canton Golf," "Local Cricket," and "Anglo-German Rugby," as set out in a contemporary, sport may be said to be getting well internationalized.

The London Stock Exchange held its swimming gala in small week. A decided bare movement was observed.

The Rev. F. C. Young was sent to us with Christian greetings. . . which is somewhat different from the way we return the shroffs to their masters on No. 1 day.

This Week's Wellbeing:—"Alas, I am undone!" as the bootlace said to the boot.

Answer to Correspondent:—What questions you do ask, Emmeline! No; "bar gold" is not the publican's profit.

Sometimes a boy kisses a girl, and is sorry afterwards—that he didn't do so before.

"Police in Flat Case," says a headline. Well, you can't expect a sensational case every time.

They used to call the little seat at the back the "rumble seat"—now its name is the "grumble seat."

"Can Wives Save?" asks a newspaper correspondent. A wife has been known to save the situation.

The repairing tailor is a lucky man . . . He always has pressing business to attend to.

"Employers do not like keeping shabby employees about them," we read. Moral: Be well turned-out and you will not be well turned out.

Says a gossip: "Yesterday I was surprised to receive an invitation to attend a parade of dog fashions." Hence the term "gay dogs."

A man was charged with taking a raiment from a tailor's dummy. Perhaps he mistook the figure for a Civil Servant hurrying to work.

A news item says that Miss Laufer, Gene Tunney's fiancée, is "calling for Europe under an assumed name." . . . In due course she will assume that of Tunney.

"Mr. Kellogg Off Home," read out the bad man from his evening paper. "Don't wonder at it; I'm off mine very often."

When a man marries he thinks there is no one in the world like his wife—and sometimes afterwards.

"Merely sitting on the job doesn't mean that you are doing it. You are not an old hen to merely hatch things out. You are a worker, who has got to push, drag and (for a better word) shove yourself or herself and the job you hold, forward." Article in banking magazine. Who is this "hen" anyway?

One of life's little ironies—a Life Member of the Ross Institute down with malaria.

Women, who crowd about the fences, are blamed for causing the Prince of Wales to come many nasty croppers while hunting. After all, that is only tit for tat.

Magistrate: "Have you any excuse to offer for this brutal assault?"

Prisoner: "Well, I'm put it to yer this way, yer 'Onor. 'Ow would yer like a bloke to come along an try to sell yer a patent-dink cure?"

After 43 years of newspaper work a journalist has given up his profession to grow opium. Tired, no doubt, of the sob stories in the flapper press, he is going in for something with real tears in it.

A magistrate stated recently that he read only the newspaper headlines. We wish we could boast the same amount of leisure.

A loan of 100,000,000 roubles is said to have been offered by Russian peasants. We understand that two of them elbowed together and put in the money, instead of buying a glass of near-vodka.

The trouble with our Government departments is not that they don't pay, but that they do pay—too many.

A youth has been discovered in Germany with a mania for climbing house walls. Evidently training to be a pedestrian.

"What was there over in Malley's bowling?" asked an English cricket writer. Many a good batsman was stumped for an answer.

The base of all troubles in some homes is the wife's repeated requests for tenners.

After nursing a woman before marriage a man should not be surprised if she sits on him afterwards.

The recent discovery of a milkcan in an ancient Egyptian tomb has given rise to the alarming suggestion that it may have been an hereditary faculty that enabled Pharaoh's daughter to find a prophet in water.

An optimist is a man who starts a game of chess at the age of 80.

In an effort to raise a record sum for charity, Aberdeen students recently raided the town with collection-boxes. They broke the record easily, collecting, in less than 10 hours, ninepence-happony.

The man who insists on marrying a rich woman evidently believes in wedded bliss.

First Motorist: "So you took a run into the country on Sunday? How did you get on?"

Second: "Oh, only fair—five fowls, a couple of dogs and 15 ducks."

We learn that the driver of a motor-car which collided with a pillar-box recently was not drunk, but simply believed the pillar-box was a cleverly-disguised pedestrian.

To help in making fittings dress-makers will probably soon be installing step-ladders.

Judging from the many articles on health in the papers the secret of health is still a secret.

Medical students in Japan have petitioned the authorities to devise some way of remedying the shortage of bodies for dissection. Perhaps we could send over a few of our public ones.

These days it seems to be often a girl's pace that is her fortune.

The Chairman & Committee of the Anophelis Malaria Home, it is reported, are upset at their failure to receive invitations to the Helena May Institute party in aid of the funds of the Ross Institute for Tropical Diseases. The Chairman complains himself with the fact the Helena May never did have a satisfactory set of Poker Chips.

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Applications will be received by the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong from whom the necessary printed forms can be obtained. Such applications must be for \$1,000 or any multiple thereof and be accompanied by a deposit of 10% of the amount applied for.

Applications may be accepted in whole or in part, and in the event of partial allotment the surplus amount paid as deposit will be appropriated towards the payment of the balance due on allotment.

The balance due on allotment must be paid on or before November 1st 1928.

The Government has the right to refuse any application or payment.

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PURPOSES TO WHICH THE LOAN IS APPLICABLE.

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C. Mc. I. MESSER.
Colonial Treasurer.

17th October, 1928.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE OFFICES OF REUTERS LIMITED, Commercial & Financial Services, will be removed from Prince's Building to No. 1A, CHATER ROAD with effect from October 22nd, 1928.

REUTERS LIMITED, Commercial & Financial Services.
Hong Kong, 18th Oct., 1928.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.**NOTICE.**

THE HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held in the Jockey Club Room, Hong Kong Club Annex, on **FRI-DAY, 26th October, 1928, at 5.15 p.m.**

By Order,
H. R. FORSYTH,
Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, 12th October, 1928.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES and **ENTRY FORMS** for the **SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING** to be held on **SATURDAY, 10th November, 1928** (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Race Course, Hong Kong Club, and Causeway Bay Stables.
Entries will CLOSE at 12 o'clock noon on **WEDNESDAY, 31st October, 1928.**
Hong Kong, 18th Oct., 1928.

NOTICE.

DR. ASGER, DENTAL SURGEON, has removed his office to **KAYAMALLY BUILDING, 20/22, Queen's Road Central.**
Hong Kong, 1st Sept., 1928.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY.
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MORE OUTLAWRY

**POLICE ENGAGE BANDITS
AT SOOCHOW**

THREE DAYS' FIGHTING

Shanghai, Yesterday.
Following the reports of lawlessness in Shanghai comes the news of a recurrent outbreak of brigandage and kidnapping in the vicinity of the city of Soochow and Taihu Lake, 60 miles west of Shanghai.

In a recent encounter with the water police there, lasting three days, the police suffered several casualties. Eventually the outlaws decamped, abandoning four persons whom they had kidnapped. Subsequently the police discovered five more kidnapped men and boys.—Reuter.

INSTIGATORS?

**SEQUEL TO POSTAL STRIKE
AT SHANGHAI**

Shanghai, Yesterday.
It is reported that two prominent members of the Shanghai headquarters of the Nationalist Party of China, who are suspected of having instigated the Chinese Post Office strike, will be transferred to Nanking.—Reuter.

Peking Incident Closed

Peking, Yesterday.
The Postal authorities here hope that the "Shun Tien Shih" case is now settled. After an arrangement with the postal workers' Union, which has been responsible for the seizing of all copies of the paper posted, the proprietors were asked to post the usual quantity, numbering several thousands, of this morning's papers. They were posted and went through without incident.—Reuter.

TO GO HOME

**JAPANESE INFANTRYMEN
AT TIENTSIN**

Tokyo, Yesterday.
The Japanese Cabinet has decided to order the withdrawal of three companies of Infantry (500 all told) from Tientsin.

These men, formed part of the normal Japanese garrison there and were due to return to Japan on the arrival of relief in May but their departure was postponed until the situation became stabilized.—Reuter.

FINAL SHOWINGS

**"GARDEN OF ALLAH" AT
THE QUEEN'S**

Showing for the last time to-day at the Queen's Theatre, "The Garden of Allah" is a powerful story of love and temptation adapted from the famous novel by Robert Hichens. Thousands of Arab tribesmen, a blinding sand-storm and some remarkably fine acting on the part of the principals Alice Terry and Ivan Petrovich, are among the highlights of this splendid picture.

The inimitable Buster Keaton holds forth at the World Theatre to-day during the final screenings of "College." The picture presents Buster as a bookish sort of youth who, in a series of extremely amusing events, proves himself a real hero by coming home first in the biggest race event of the year.

"The Coast of Folly," starring Gloria Swanson will also be shown for the last time to-day at the Star Theatre. Miss Swanson appears in a dual role, first as a tempestuous young member of society and later as her own "mother." Many poignant scenes add much to the telling of an entertaining story.

"IT"

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Expressly written for Clara Bow, the leading player, "It," a screen version of El'nor Glyn's novel of the same name, will be screened again at the Queen's Theatre on Wednesday next in response to numerous requests. The story deals with a little shop girl who possesses that magnetic something which defies definition, but attracts everyone with compelling force. With a limited education, no family prestige, and nothing but her sweetness of character, the girl rises to notable success by exerting the inexplicable "It," and winning the love of her wealthy employer. A big added attraction is provided in the form of one of Charlie Chaplin's early successes, "A Day's Pleasure."

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CHEUNG CHAU NOTES

Good progress has been made with the school building and the roof tiles are now being put on. After a long delay a start has been made with the new building opposite the Police station, the site of which was levelled months ago. Two families well known on the Island have just returned from furlough. Rev. and Mrs. McCrae and their two daughters have gone to Shekai; the elder children are in Canada. Rev. and Mrs. Miller of the New Zealand Mission arrived from Australia last Sunday and take up their work again at Kong Chuen. Mr. and Mrs. Ferrier who have been for some months at No. 8 left on Wednesday. Rev. and Mrs. Davies are returning on Friday to Canton.

Mr. and Mrs. Kaastmann have again returned to Mr. McPherson's house and will remain there till March when they leave on furlough. Mr. S. Boulton who bought No. 17A is retiring and leaving for England in November; his house will be on the market.—Our Own Correspondent.

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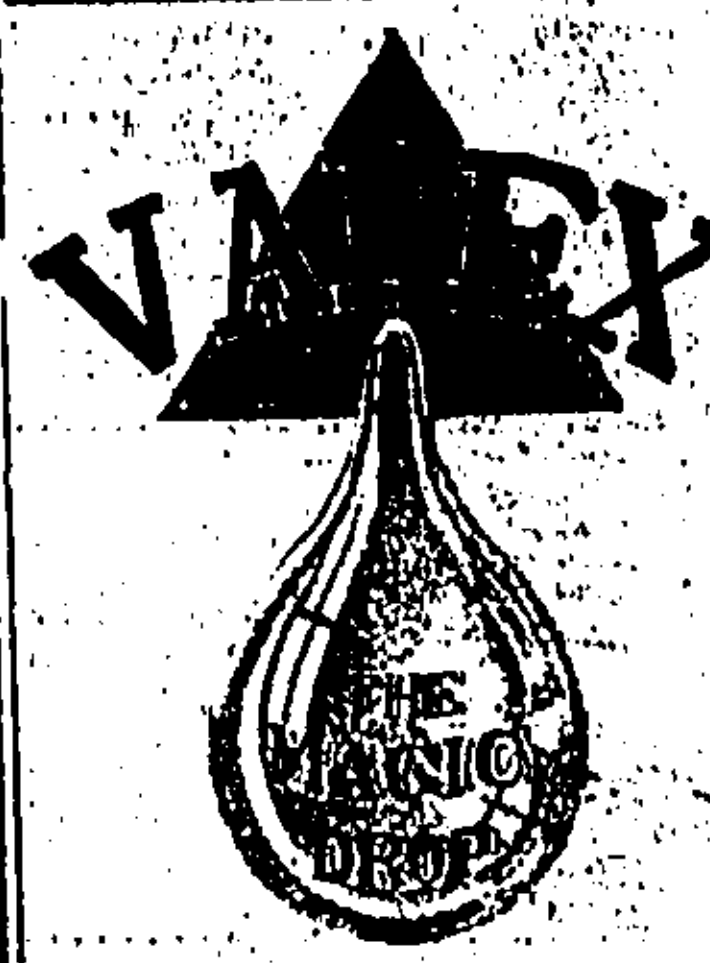


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Mr. Thirlaway presented Mrs. Brush with a pair of silver candlesticks, made in Sheffield in 1782. Mr. Graham Brush, responding, said the builders had done marvelously to build such a fine vessel for owners, 3,000 miles away. They had shown great intelligence and co-operation, and the owners' judgment in coming to them was justified. They were starting a new enterprise in attempting to solve a problem of transportation by combining the features of the railway with a ship. Swan, Hunters played a very great part in that, and he was confident they would succeed with that vessel.

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" from Hong Kong on October 3, left Yokohama on October 11 at noon, and is due at Vancouver to-day.

The M.V. "Toronto" (D. & Co.) is expected here from New York via port on Oct. 18, and will be dispatched hence for New York via Suez at Noon to-morrow.

The B. I. s.s. "Canara" left Singapore for this port on Oct. 14 at a.m., and is due here to-morrow morning.

The P. & O. s.s. "Karmala" left Singapore for this port on Oct. 16 at 7 a.m., and is due here to-morrow at about 7 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Manila yesterday at 4 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong to-morrow at 9 a.m.

She will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on October 24.

The B. I. s.s. "Bennevis" from Leith, Middlebro, Antwerp, London and Straits left Singapore for this port yesterday, and is due to arrive here on October 25.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on October 11, and is due here on October 25. She will sail for Manila on October 30 at 5 p.m.

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CAPTAIN COOK

ENTHUSIAST'S NEW LIGHT ON
NAVIGATOR

AN IMMORTAL

Included in the valuable collection of Cook relics that are to be seen in the Sydney Museum is a first edition copy of Boswell's "Account of Captain Cook's Voyage to the South Seas." With the Journal of a Tour to that Island, and on the fly-leaf is the autograph of Boswell himself, with an inscription intimating that the book was presented to Captain Cook immediately previous to his departure on one of his three celebrated voyages to the South Seas. This discovery, which I made during a recent journey through Australia and New Zealand, led me to a fresh perusal of Boswell's "Life of Dr. Johnson," in which I was very interested to come upon the following description of his meeting with Cook on the morning of April 3, 1776:

I gave him (i.e., Dr. Johnson) an account of a conversation which had passed between me and Captain Cook, the day before, at dinner at Sir John Pringle's (then President of the Royal Society), and he was much pleased with the conscientious accuracy of that celebrated circumnavigator, who set me right as to many of the exaggerated accounts given by Dr. Hawkesworth of his voyages.

Boswell's Presentation Copy. Continuing his account of the same meeting, Boswell ingeniously remarks: "I told him that while I was with the captain I caught the enthusiasm of curiosity and adventure, and felt a strong inclination to go with him on his next voyage," out Johnson, who, standing aloof in giant ignorance, thought little could be learnt from such voyages, was not carried away by "Bozzy's" general, grand and indistinct notion of a voyage round the world.

The question that filled my mind long after seeing this interesting volume was whether this identical copy which now reposes, with other equally interesting relics, in a glass case almost under the shadow of Thomas Woolley's heroic statue of Cook on the lawn outside the Sydney Museum was presented to the explorer by Boswell on the very occasion he describes.

A Pilgrim to Botany Bay. On a Saturday afternoon some two years later, with a keen wind blowing, as I remember, straight across the bay from the Southern Ocean and the far Antarctic, I stepped on to the sandy foreshore of Kurnell, an outer suburb of Sydney, from the launch—appropriately named the "Captain Cook"—which had ferried me over the choppy waters of Botany Bay to the spot where the navigator had first touched the soil of the Commonwealth one hundred and fifty-five years before.

As a temporary Australian citizen it seemed to be only right and proper that I should make my pilgrimage to this historic corner of the great island continent: a country, as one of her poets has said, ... without antiquities, with one, And only one, poor spot of classic ground.

That on which Cook first landed. On my return from Queensland, therefore, where I had spent some time in the bush, and where, on my way down the coast in an old interstate cargo boat, I had observed the stark outline of Mount Warning, which was sighted from the deck of the "Endeavour" and given its vivid title by Cook on a June morning in 1770, I had taken the first opportunity to pay tribute at the place where a very great Englishman had claimed for his country one of her richest Colonial possessions.

I had walked for twelve miles across the sand dunes to La Perouse (where an obelisk and a plot of ground given to France by the Australian Government commemorates the visit on January 26, 1788, of the famous French explorer who stepped ashore from the "Astrolabe" only to vanish from the knowledge of man a few weeks later in the wide wastes of the Pacific) and had found the launch toasting in the grey waters at the end of the jetty preparatory to making her last journey of the day.

The Three Obelisks. The glittering Australian sunshine burst through the hurrying clouds as I stepped on to the beach, shedding a mellow glow on the three granite obelisks that mark the plot where Cook, Banks, and Solander walked and talked on that "serene afternoon" of April 23, 1770, with the "strident, unintelligible cries of the 'Indians' echoing in their ears from the scrub, and the little 370-ton bark "Endeavour," which had sailed halfway round the world into the vast uncharted waters of the Southern Ocean, riding at anchor behind them two miles off shore. I hurried across the soft greenward that gives to this historic ground the appearance of an English parkland, and peered closely at the inscription carved at the base of the central monument:

Captain Cook landed here, 28th April, 1770. This monument was erected by the Honourable Thomas Holt, M.L.C., A.D. 1870. Victoria Regina. The Earl of Belmore, Govr.

An Historic Stream

A few yards to the east of the monument I came upon a tiny stream that was trickling down from the tree-shaded heights to the sea, and perceived with something like a thrill this legend engraved on a copper plaque set in the rock: "From this small stream Captain Cook took water for his ship "Endeavour." What were the gallant Captain's words? "... I sent a party of men ashore in the morning to the place where we last landed to dig holes in the sand, by which means, and a small stream, they found fresh water sufficient to water the ship."

The gay cicadas were chirruping noisily in the cropped grass as I made my way back to the jetty, and through the fir trees I could discern the shadowy forms of week-end campers who were putting up their tent for the night on ground which must undoubtedly have felt the tread of the celebrated circumnavigator.

But for a lively, compact, and straightforward account of the voyage one must turn to the "Narrative of the Voyages Round the World, performed by Captain Cook," by Andrew Kippis, D.D., F.R.S., first published by Strahan in 1783, nine years after the death of Cook, and for long accepted as the standard life of the navigator. Dr. Kippis, while omitting nothing that is relevant in the life of his hero, contrives to present a vivid portrait of Cook as man and explorer, without indulging in flights of fancy or overloading his narrative with those heavy redundancies of many eighteenth-century writers which I have seen picturesquely described by one of Mr. Punch's learned clerks as "slabs of circumambient verbiage."

He sets down in perfect proportion, in just perspective, and in rich and melodious prose, the facts of Cook's life and discoveries as they are set forth with such a mastery (yet unself-conscious) economy of language in the logs and journals of the "Endeavour" and the "Resolution."

Kippis writes in the spirit of Cook himself, and one rises from a perusal of this contemporary biography with a picture clearly in the mind of the great sea captain the biographer of whose birth at Marton, Yorkshire, is being celebrated throughout the world. S. F. A. Coles in "T. P.'s Weekly."

[Note: To-day's "China Mail" contains a picture of these celebrations. See Art Section.]

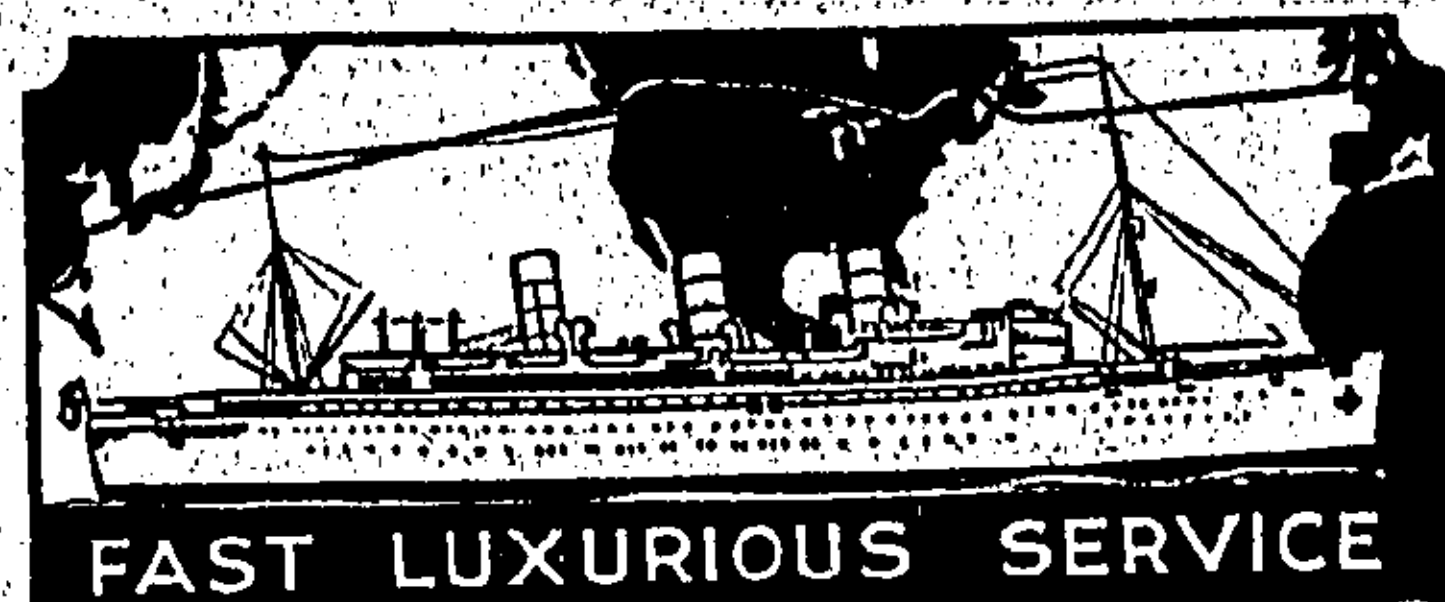
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(By an "Aussie")

One of the songs the Rotarians gathered at Tokyo for the Conference are singing. It was composed by Rotarian F. A. Newman of the Melbourne Rotary Club and goes to the tune of "John Brown."

We're going to the Conference on Nippon's lovely shore,
To bring the goal of Rotary much nearer than before.
We'll pull together and we'll "Hitch our wagon to a star"
As we go marching on.

Chorus

And so we are coming from Australia;
We want to meet Rotarians who come from near and far;
To help the League of Nations and to put an end to War,
So we go marching on!

Rotarians throughout the world must think and work and plan,
There never was a nobler cause since e'er the world began—
The Parliament of Nations and the Brotherhood of Man.
So we go marching on!

Chorus.

And so to our Creator we will lift our hearts and pray
That He will bless our efforts and will hasten on the day
When Universal Peace throughout the world shall hold its sway,
And we go marching on.

Chorus.

We dream together of those days when Love shall conquer Hate;
We smile and grasp the hand of each Rotarian as mate.
The Golden Rule will help us to attain the happy state
When we've done marching on!

Chorus.

PLAGUE IN CHINA

SERIOUS OUTBREAK NEAR TAIYUAN

Peking, Yesterday.

From missionary sources at Fenchow and Chinese sources at Taiyuan comes the report of an outbreak of bubonic plague at Fenchow, 75 miles south-west of Taiyuan, in Shansi. Details are lacking but it is believed that the outbreak is serious. The Taiyuan authorities have sent doctors to cope with the situation.—Reuter.

Eastern Ports.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended Oct. 13 is given below, with the number of deaths mentioned in brackets after each centre:—

Plague:—Rangoon (4), Pnom Penh (1), Tungkiao 70, Bombay 5 infected rats in zone 2 and 13 infected rats in zone 3.

Cholera:—Bombay (2), Calcutta (17), Madras (12), Bangkok 1 (1), Shanghai (1).

Small-pox:—Basrah 9, Bombay 12 (4), Madras 18 (7), Moulemein 2, Negapatnam 1 (1), Tuticorin 2, Vizagapatnam 1, Pondicherry (1), Batavia 1, Pottianak 1, Pnom Penh 6 (2), Shanghai (1), Mukden 1.

Tsang Fook, a cattle dealer of 227 Lai Chi-kok-road, reports to the police that on Thursday he bought a cow from a Chinese at the cross roads of Fanling. He handed over \$31 to the other, who immediately ran away. It then occurred to Fook that the reason of the other's strange behaviour was probably because the cow had been stolen. His surmise proved to be correct, for some time later another Chinese claimed the cow as his, stating that it had been stolen from his farm.

A foreman named So Yung, of the Hop Yick Tin Foil Co., 17, Whitfield, reports to the police that, sometime between 6 o'clock on Thursday and 6.30 o'clock on Friday, some person entered the place and stole five blocks of tin, valued at \$100 each.

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On Paris—	124 7/8
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On demand	—
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On Bombay—	133 3/4
Wire	133 3/4
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Wire	133 3/4
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Vienna	34.50 1/2
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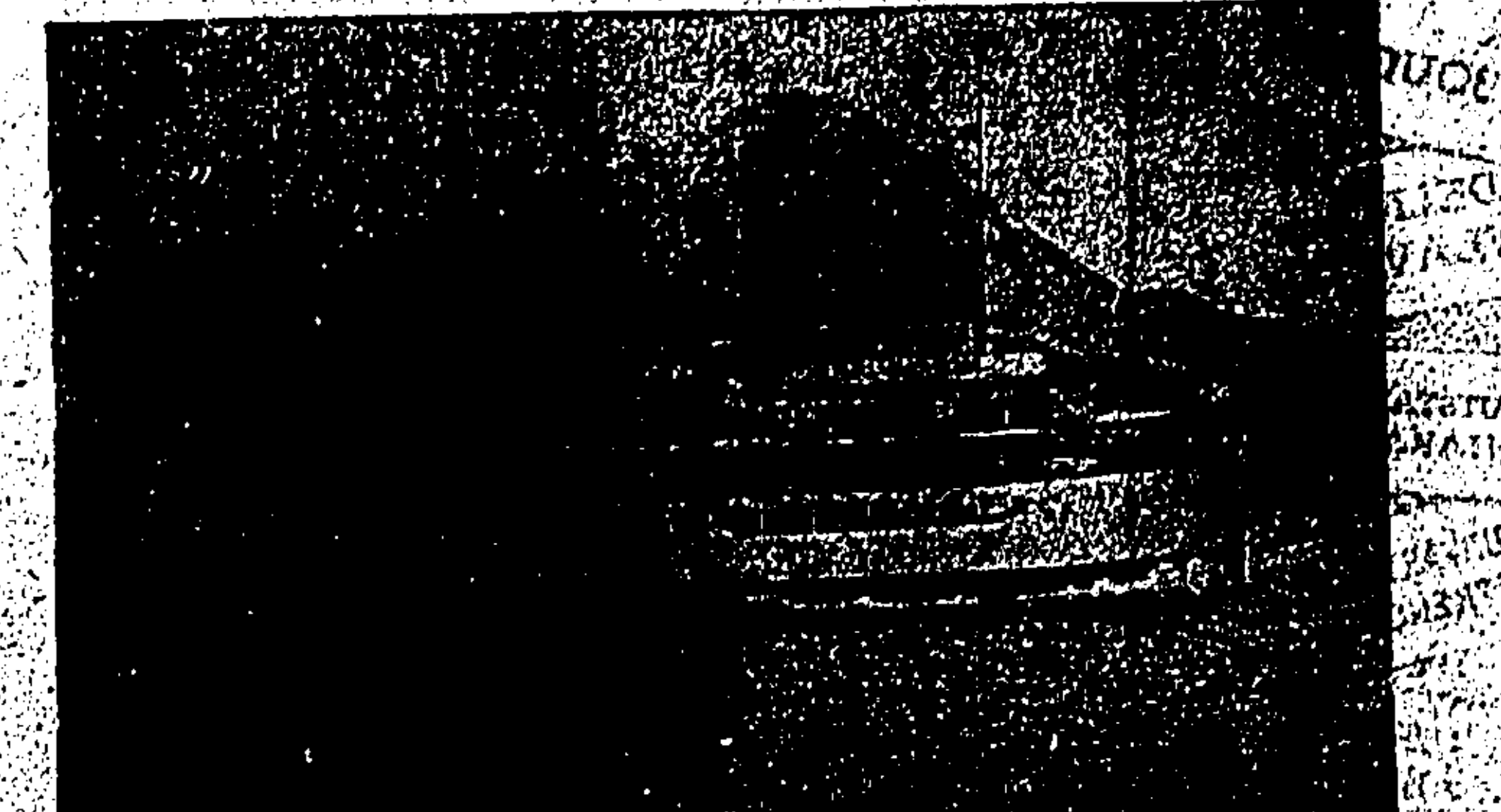
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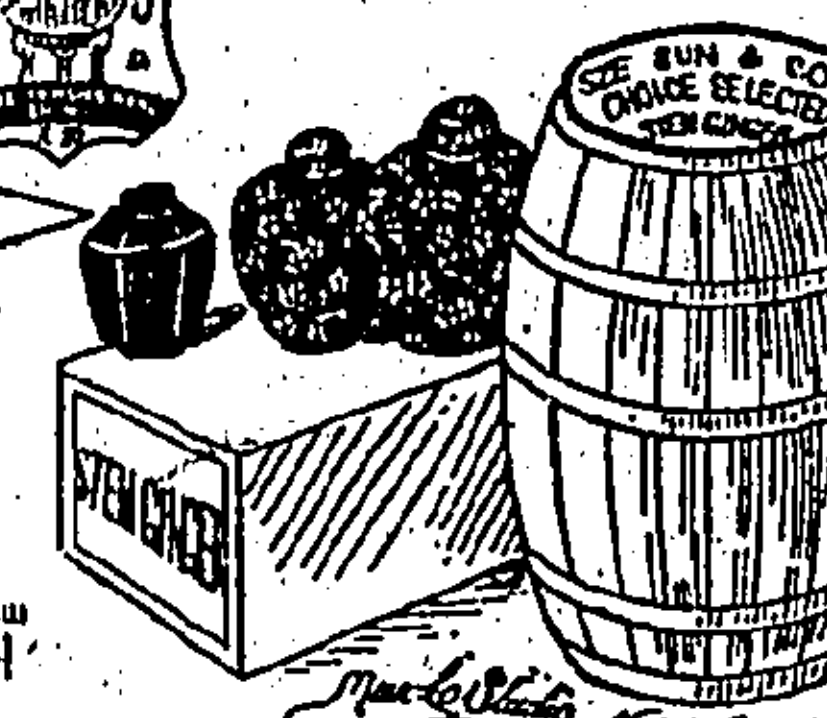
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A LOOK AROUND.

(By The Mail Men)

A startling
The Water rumour has re-
cently been af-
fected in the Chinese
community to the effect that
owing to the shortage of water in the
reservoirs, the Water Authority
has contemplated the closing of
all the river mains. It was then
alleged that those who wanted to
get a drop of water must get it
from the street fountains. It will
be recalled that two or three years
ago such methods were once
adopted when much inconvenience
was experienced by the residents.
The Chinese, it seems, would
rather have the two hours water
from house taps than wait in the
streets in long queues with
buckets.

What a sporty
A Sporting little Colony this
is, and how ver-
satile are the
people. Now I believe in being
ready for a game of tennis when
I have an engagement to play, but
recently I saw someone who be-
lieves in being ready for every
occasion. I was in a theatre the
other night when the lady walk-
ed in. A thick and very busi-
ness-like pair of walking brogues
called attention to a pair of neat
silk-clad ankles. The dress was
a little, white, linen tennis frock
worn beneath a very smart, even-
ing cloak trimmed with delicate
feathery sort of stuff. Among
other things she carried a thick
woollen sports scarf, a straw hat
and a large handbag. There's
nothing like being prepared!

I hesitate to sug-
gest a few days ago, not to waste
the Court's time by repetition.
This very common fault does not
seem to have been given the at-
tention it should, probably on
account of the sympathetic pa-
tience of our Judges and Magis-
trates. It is not out of place,
however, to point to the
erroneous impression which
the public seems to have obtained
of legal talent as shown in con-
centrating on length instead of
brevity. This has been remark-
ably true of cross-examination,
a nasty business!

—and would aid Science. I would
suggest that the criminals be
turned over to hospitals for ex-
periments. And those who come
out alive, given their liberty.
Could they not thus redeem their
crime by sacrificing themselves
and furthering the progress of
knowledge and aiding humanity?
Any man surviving such experi-
ments could not but feel grateful
for the chance to once more try
and make good, and after all, if
he died, is that not what he would
have done if he had been hanged?
And with his sin on his conscience,
too. How do doctors find out
what's wrong with us when
things go wrong inside? We're
not like motor cars that can be
taken to pieces and examined,
adding new parts where neces-
sary. I've never asked a doctor
about this, but I should imagine
that they need to experiment and
practise in the same manner as
the mechanic who fixes the car.
And also, I should imagine, not
many healthy persons volunteer
for experiments.

On Mount
The Bellios estate
adjacent to Mount
Kellet are probably
as well-known as any other
parts of the Peak as they have
for many years been conspicuous
in that quarter among the many
buildings of a much more recent
date. Unluckily, two of the fine
buildings on this estate have of
late suffered badly in ty-
phoon storms with the result that
they are both now being demolish-
ed. One of the buildings facing
the south-east seems to have
suffered most, with the result
that what was left of it after the
typhoon blows of last year ren-
dered it imperative that it should
be as speedily as possible razed
to the ground. The other known
as Des Voeux Villas, appears also
to have been somewhat past re-
novation and it also has been and
is in the hands of the
"breakers." Both buildings occu-
py sites that are among the
finest on the Peak, and therefore
they may still be regarded as be-
ing very "desirable" from the
builder's point of view. It is prob-
able, however, that the sites will
remain unaltered for a consider-
able time to come, as the property
is certain to advance in value once
the new motor road in the neigh-
bourhood is a reality, and the
much discussed hospital on Kellet
Ridge is an actuality. At present
both places look rather pathetic,
for one cannot refrain from
thinking of what they once were
and contrasting them with what
they now are.

One of the
Magistrate Colony's legal
Doesn't Want
Repetition
Mr. W. Scho-
field, Police Magistrate, at Kow-
loon, a few days ago, not to waste
the Court's time by repetition.
This very common fault does not
seem to have been given the at-
tention it should, probably on
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the layman is often confused.
Glamour sometimes is attached to
legal men who appear to shine in
putting superficially witty ques-
tions to witnesses for the oppos-
ing side.

Cross-examination is not
Examination always neces-
sary nor very
Delusion helpful to one's
case. In this connection, a corres-
pondent has sent me an inquiry
about a statement by Mr. Justice
Jacks in his judgment in the case
of the Sincere Co., Ltd., v. Mr. T.
Nakao. His Lordship observed
that the defendant and his busi-
ness associates, on their own
evidence, allowed themselves (in
asking for something to be put in
writing) "to be put off by the
manager of the plaintiffs who was
not even asked in cross-examina-
tion whether he was asked to put
anything in writing, if he had
actually agreed to take back un-
sold goods."

Mr. Schofield, in
his trade mark
Authority judgment, yester-
day, also comment-
ed on the fact that
counsel for the defence did not
cross-examine a Police witness on
certain points.

Now, his Lordship does not say
that because defendant's solicitor
did not cross-examine on that
point the plaintiffs' evidence
thereafter was admitted. But

The Government

Another instalment of the special
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articles about the Hong Kong Gov-
ernment and the Civil Service,
particularly as it applies to the
Colony, will be found at the end of
"A Look Around" on this page.
More will follow on successive Satur-
days.

the correspondent labours under a
delusion. For the answer he
seeks, I refer him to the opinion
of an eminent counsel who is an
authority on the subject—
"There was, and in some minds
there is, a delusion which, the
sooner it is dispelled, the better
it will be for the interests of
justice. I refer to the illogical
proposition that 'what you do not
cross-examine to you admit.'"

Peak residents
The "Double
Ninth"

an exceptional number of Chinese
holiday-makers going up the Peak
both by the tram and on foot.
Usually, as we are all aware, a
very few of the Chinese take the
journey up there, but to-day is
exceptional. It is the "Double
Ninth" festival, being the ninth
day of the ninth month according
to the Gregorian calendar. These
people going up the Peak are not
only out for a walk; they take
with them kites and new handker-
chiefs. These kites are to be
flown on the summit of the Peak,
where they will purposely be re-
leased and so are the handker-
chiefs which will be waved before
the wind and then dropped on the
hill-side and discarded. This
is done, so they say, to discard
the bad luck they have had in the
year. This festival is, in a way,
similar to that of the "Ching
Ming" festival, where many of
the Chinese pay visits to the
tombs of their ancestors. Photo-
graphic studios in the Colony
seem to get most of the benefits.
This is their harvest day. For
many of the Chinese, and espe-
cially the ladies, will have their
photos taken. They believe that
in so doing, their bad luck will be
drawn away from them. It is
likely, therefore, that to-
day's business in the studio is
enough to cover the expenses of
the whole year.

In connection
To-morrow's with the "Double
Festival Ninth" festival,
there is a legend
which formed the original of the
festival. Once upon a time, a
mandarin accompanied by his
family, made an excursion up the
hill on the ninth day of the ninth
month. After a pleasant day's out-
ing, they returned to their home.
But upon entering their house,
they found, to their surprise, all
the dogs, cats and fowls lying
dead on the ground. They took
this as a fact that the God of
Cruelty had paid a visit to all
houses on earth that day, thereby
killing all living beings. This
family, however, thought them-
selves lucky in having evaded an
unavoidable calamity. So, here-
after, people follow this family's
example and go up to the Peak
to ascend the evil gods who
will descend. In former days all
the staff of the King's palace wore
flowers, ate cakes and drank wine,
which they said would give them
long life.

An Ideal All
My Own "The Fall of
Babylon" I a
Sunday, and a
jolly good picture, too. One thing
in particular interested me very
much and set me thinking. It
was the strange machine, which

seemed to shoot flames from
every possible angle and certainly
finished off the enemy very neat-
ly. It was rather like an irate
and crotchety old dragon disturb-
ed during his siesta, and as I say,
set me thinking. No, you're
wrong, I'm not going to tell you
about the time I went to a dinner
one Saturday night and saw
dragons and snakes solemnly
marching down Queen's-road. I
was thinking of a little device I've
had in mind all this week. Such
a machine though in less terrify-
ing proportions—propelled by
clockwork, and set to parade all
the main isles of the theatres dur-
ing performances. Why? for the
benefit of those who forget their
matches. How many good shows
have been spoiled by these people!
For instance—I can't remember
when it was—I was enjoying a
thrilling tale of a crook whose
conscience seemed to tickle him
and made him want to run
straight for the sake of the girl
he loved. The scene was in the
garden. (What? of course, some
moonlight). And he, with an
agitated expression on his face,
probably due to the prickly heat
on his soul, said to the sweet
maiden "Darling, I am a wicked
man but—" "will you lend me
a match?" Said the voice in
my ear.

Writes another
"Made in Hong Kong from
England" London: I saw an
inspiring sight on

Saturday. In a big City ware-
house were thousands of parcels
heavily labelled "Made in En-
gland," and addressed to all parts
of the globe. The old country is
said to be behind the times in
many industries, but apparently,
in the opinion of foreign buyers,
our soft goods are still the best in
the world. I was interested to
see some marcella fronted shirts
earmarked for dispatch to Singa-
pore. This comparatively new
type of dress shirt—hitherto
there has been very little demand
for it outside the West End—is
the only alteration for years in
the conventional male evening at-
tire which has created any de-
mand in the trade. I was told
that Britons overseas are now de-
manding this alternative to the
plain "billed" shirt.

Reference was
made last week to
Governing some of the powers
and duties attach-
ed to the office of Governor of
Hong Kong (or of the Officer Ad-
ministering the Government in
his absence). Accordingly, a little
information about the Councils
which assist His Excellency may
not be amiss. As is generally
known, these are the Executive
and Legislative Councils.

The Executive
Council comprises
H.E. the Governor
as President. H.E.
the General Officer Commanding
the Troops (Major-General C. C.
Luard, C.B., C.M.G.), the Colonial
Secretary (the Hon. Mr. E. R.
Hallifax, C.M.G., C.B.E.), the
Attorney-General (the Hon. Mr.
C. G. Alabaster, O.B.E., K.C.), the
Colonial Treasurer (the Hon. Mr.
C. McL. Messer, O.B.E.)—these
being holders of offices specified in
the instructions to the Governor;
also two other Official members
and three Unofficial members ap-
pointed under either a Royal War-
rant or Crown instructions signi-
fied through the Secretary of
State for the Colonies. These
others are the Hon. Mr. H. T.
Creasy, C.B.E. (Director of Public
Works), the Hon. Mr. R. A. C.
North (Secretary for Chinese
Affairs), the Hon. Sir Shou-sun
Chow, the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes
and the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes,
the last-named acting during the
absence through indisposition of
Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., LL.D.

The Executive Coun-
cil has the duty of
Consulting the Gov-
ernor with its
advice. The Governor is required
by his instructions to consult the
Council in all matters of impor-
tance, except in cases of urgency
when it is his duty at the earliest
practical period to communicate
to the Council the measures he
may have adopted with the rea-
sons for doing so. An exception
can also be made when, in the Gov-
ernor's judgment, the matter is
such that the King's service would
sustain material prejudice by
consulting the Council.

Unless otherwise
provided in any
particular case by
Suspension law or by his in-
structions, the Governor may
act in opposition to the advice of the (Executive)
Council, but he is then required
to report the reasons for his
action to the Secretary of State
by the first convenient opportu-
nity. Another feature as regards
appointments is that the Governor
may, in cases of vacancies, make
provisional appointments, subject
to the confirmation of the Crown.
Members can be dismissed only
by the Crown, but in case of

urgency may be suspended by the
Governor who must, however, at
once report fully to the Secretary
of State the grounds for doing so.

The constitution
Legislative of the Legislative
Council is pre-
scribed by the
Letters Patent and Instructions
to the Governor. At present the
membership is thus:—

H.E. the Officer Administering
the Government (the Hon. Mr.
W. T. Southern, C.M.G.), in the
absence of H.E. the Governor (Sir
Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), Pres-
ident; H.E. the General Officer
Commanding the Colonial Secre-
tary (the Hon. Mr. Hallifax,
while Mr. Southern acts as
O.-a.-G.); the Attorney-General
(the Hon. Mr. Alabaster, during
the absence on leave of Sir Joseph
Kemp, C.B.E., K.C.), the Colonial
Treasurer (the Hon. Mr. Mes-
senger)—the foregoing being
holders of "offices specified;" the
Hon. Mr. Creasy (D.F.W.); the
Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G.
(Captain Superintendent of
Police); the Hon. Mr. North
(S.C.A. while Mr. Hallifax is
Colonial Secretary)—making a
total official membership of eight;
and six Unofficials, as follow:—
the Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow and
the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall,
C.M.G., LL.D. (the Chinese mem-
bers); the Hon. Mr. A. C. Hynes;
the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes (re-
presenting the Hong Kong Gen-
eral Chamber of Commerce); the
Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Belth (acting
in the absence on leave of Mr.
W. E. L. Shenton); and the Hon.
Mr. C. G. S. Mackie (representing
the Unofficial Justices of the
Peace during the absence of Sir
Henry Pollock).

When a vacancy
Making occurs by the death,
of Laws resignation or other-
wise of a Legislative
Councillor appointed by name
(i.e. those other than "holders of
specified offices"), the Governor
may in general appoint provision-
ally to such vacancy until His
Majesty's pleasure be known.

Every law vote or resolution
the object of effect of which may
be to dispose of or charge public
revenue must be proposed by the
Governor or with his consent.

A law comes into operation im-
mediately on receiving the
Governor's assent unless some
other date is prescribed in the law
itself. The Crown, however, re-
tains power to disallow it. If
such be exercised, the law ceases
to have operation from the date
at which notification of such dis-
allowance is published in the
Government Gazette.

A law passed in a
Dating and particular year
Numbering should, unless re-
served for the
signification of H.M.'s pleasure,
receive the Governor's assent in
that year. Laws which are im-
mediately assented to are dated
and numbered as of the year in
which they are passed. Those re-
served for signification of H.M.'s
pleasure are dated and numbered
as of the year in which they are
brought into force by public noti-
fication in the Gazette.

Local arrangements for the ob-
servance of Armistice Day have
been approved on similar lines to
those adopted last year.

The next Congregation of the
Hong Kong University, for the
purpose of conferring degrees,
has been fixed for Monday,
January 14.

Charged with assaulting a
Chinese girl on the hillside at
Ngau Shi Wan, an Indian con-
stable, attached to the Kowloon
City Police Station, was yester-
day morning, at Kowloon Magis-
tracy, remanded for a week on
the application of Inspector
Philips, who is prosecuting.

A fire engine turned out at 8.10
a.m. yesterday in response to a
call from a house at No. 88, Wel-
lington-street, third floor. The
fire originated in a chimney and
was soon extinguished without
any damage. Another fire broke
out on board the steam launch
"Sing Lee," moored at the Shan-
kwan ferry wharf. It was put
out by the crew and there was no
damage.

Sentence of six months' im-
prisonment was imposed by Mr. W.
Schofield, at Kowloon Magistracy
yesterday, on a Chinese charged
with breaking and entering a
house in Canton-road, and with
stealing several articles of
clothing. Admittance, according
to the prosecution, had been
gained by cutting a hole in the
back door sufficiently large to in-
sert an instrument and thus push
back the bolt. Defendant then
removed a pane of glass from the
door leading into the flat.

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MAILS.

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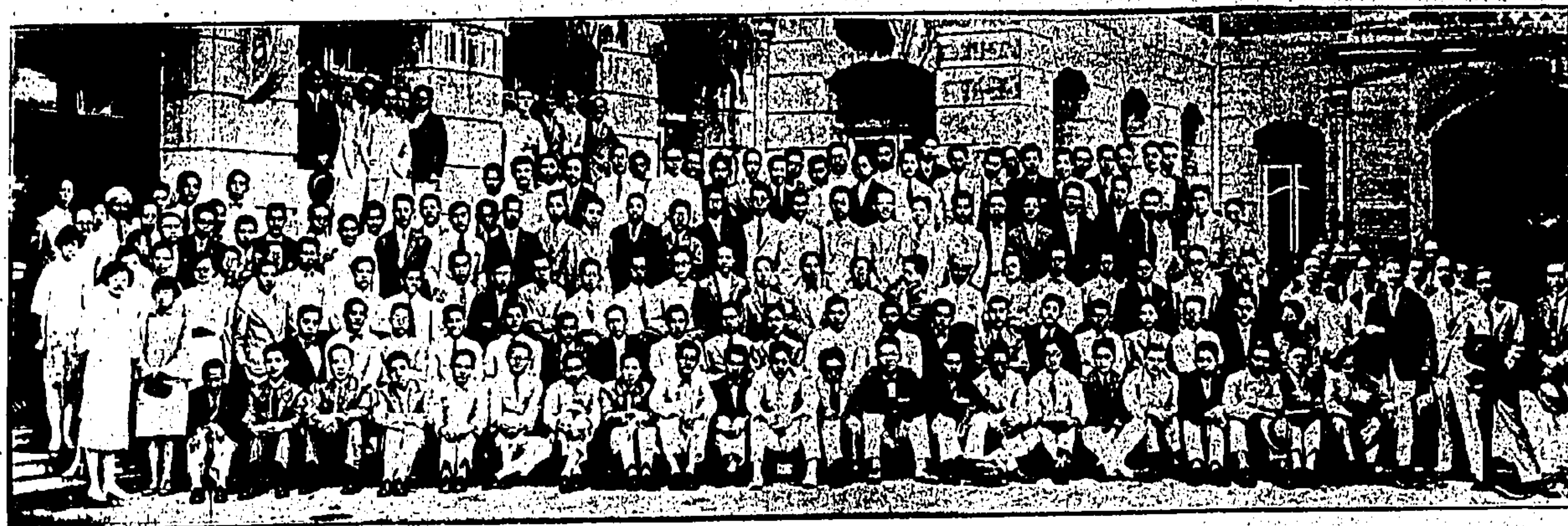
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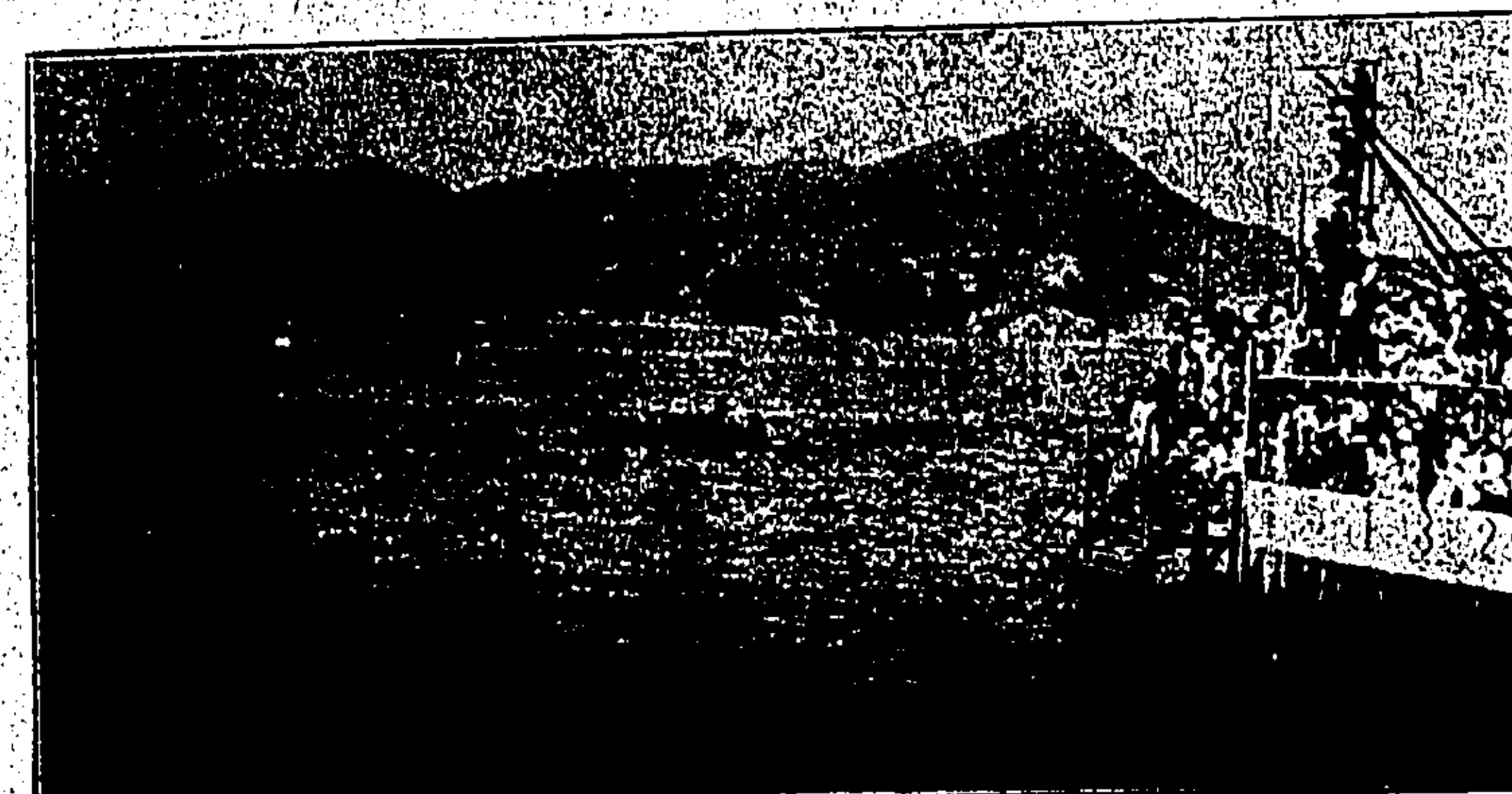
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UNDERGRADUATE BODY OF THE HONG KONG UNIVERSITY, taken on October 10, 1928.—(A. Fong).



FINISH OF HARBOUR SWIMMING RACE.—The "boom" at the Chinese Bathing Club, North Point when the winner "touched."



ANOTHER GROUP OF QUALIFIED LIFE-SAVERS.

—(On the left) A class of swimmers who recently completed their course at the South China Athletic Association's bathing shed, North Point. The Chinese have participated very enthusiastically in the life saving courses during the summer and results, according to the Examiner, Mr. Ewart, have been very satisfactory. Next season increased entries and successes are anticipated. Some of the Chinese intend to "sit" for the Instructor's Badge. Careful comparison with photograph at the bottom of this page, left-hand side, will show that there are two ladies among the entrants.



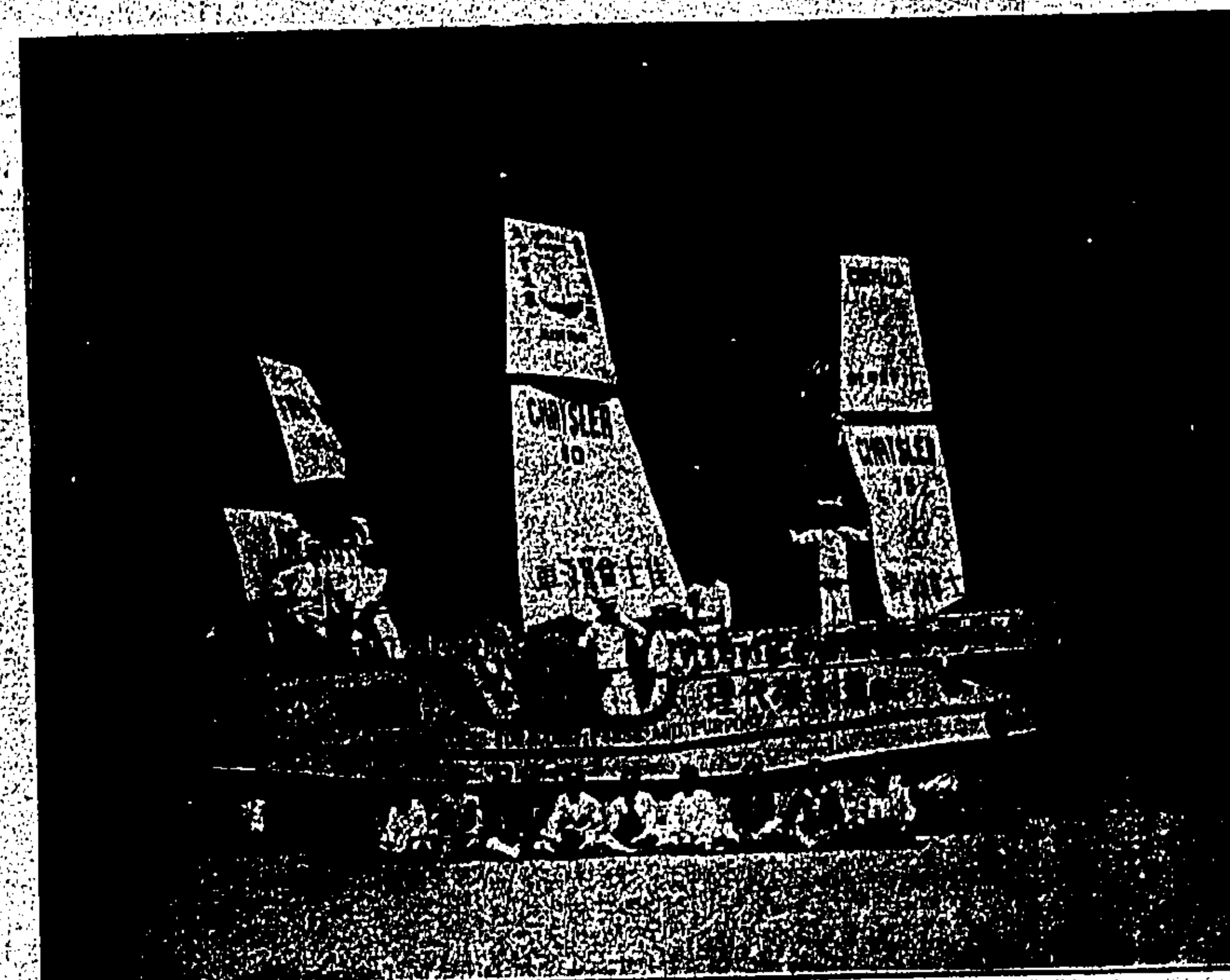
LADS OF H.M.S. "CUMBERLAND."—At the Palace Hotel last week, the Social Club recently formed by the Torpedo Department of H.M.S. "Cumberland" held a very successful dinner at which about fifty people sat down.—(A. Hing, Arsenal-street).



AT THE TATTOO.—Picturesque entry of Messrs. Kin Cheong-hong, sole local agents for the "Hudson" and "Essex" cars.



"THE HAUNTED LAKE."—A pretty piece of water near Lungchow with a sad history. Here it was that the eight daughters of a Chinese general, when their father was captured, stood on the bank, joined hands, and jumped in. (Photo copyright Dr. A. Cannon).



THE CHRYSLER EXHIBIT.—This entry staged as an old-time wooden-ship, gained the second prize in the "trade" class at the Grand Tattoo. It was exhibited by Messrs. A. Lung & Co., local agents.

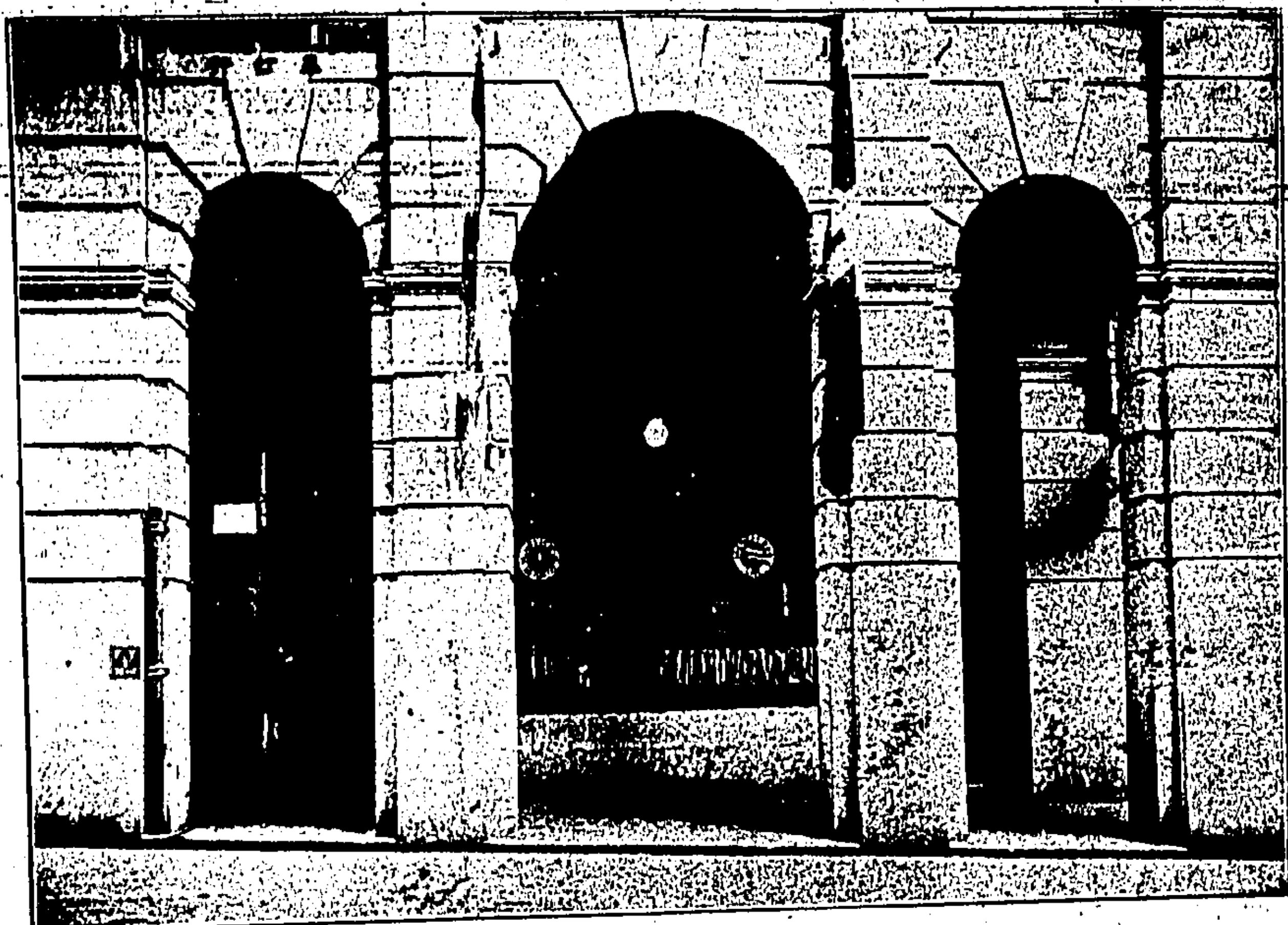


LADY HARBOUR SWIMMER TAKES PART IN LIFE-SAVING CLASS.—Miss Kwok Choy-ming, the winner of the harbour swimming race for ladies (under the auspices of the H.K.C.A.A.F.) is standing third from the left in the above group of a life saving class at the South China A.A.'s bathing shed, North Point.

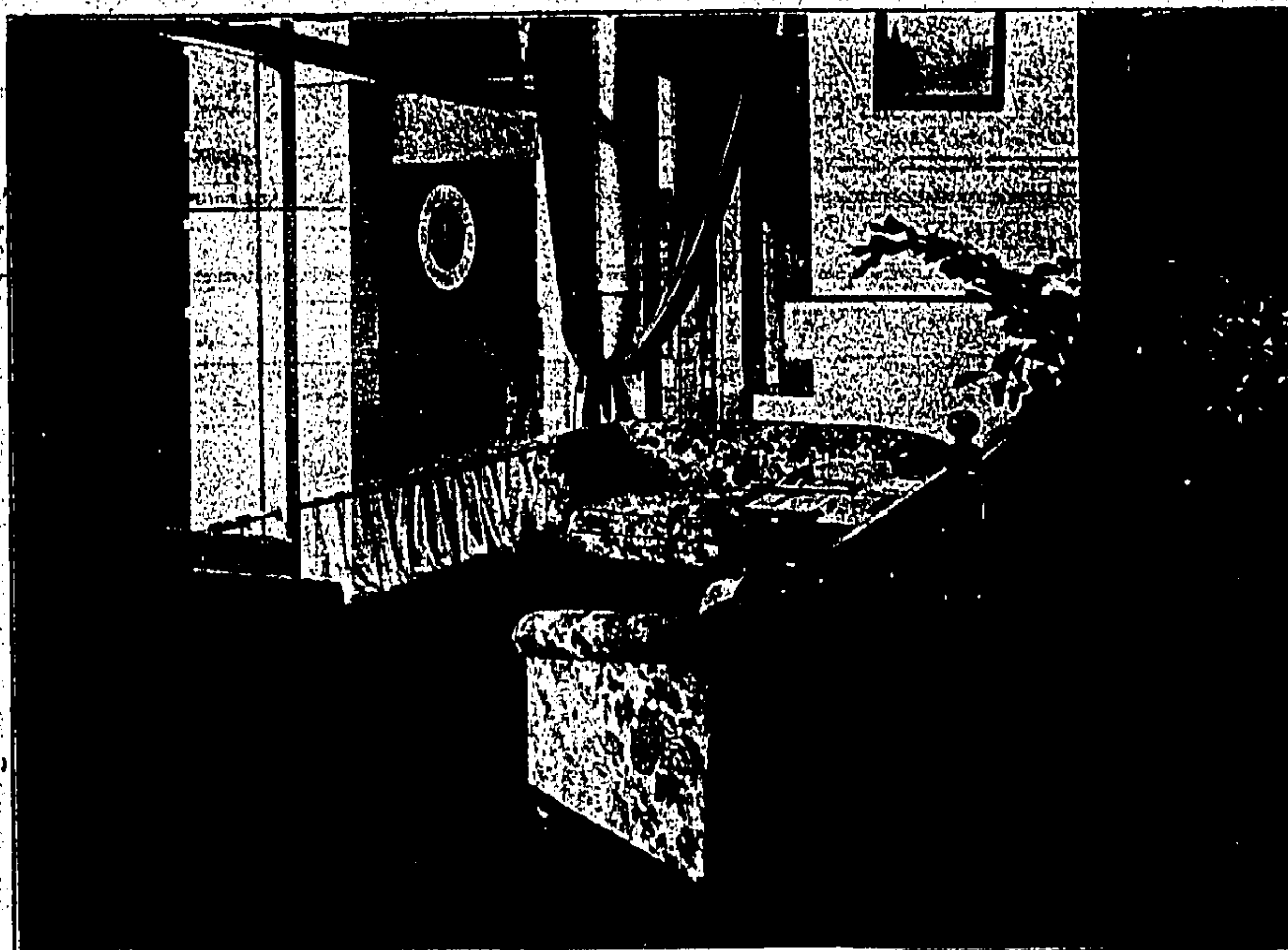


SWIMMING PRIZES DISTRIBUTED BY MR. T. N. CHAU, M.A.—At the bathing shed, North Point, of the South China Athletic Association, Mr. T. N. Chau, barrister-at-law is wearing a long white gown, standing in the centre (figure without spectacles or badge).

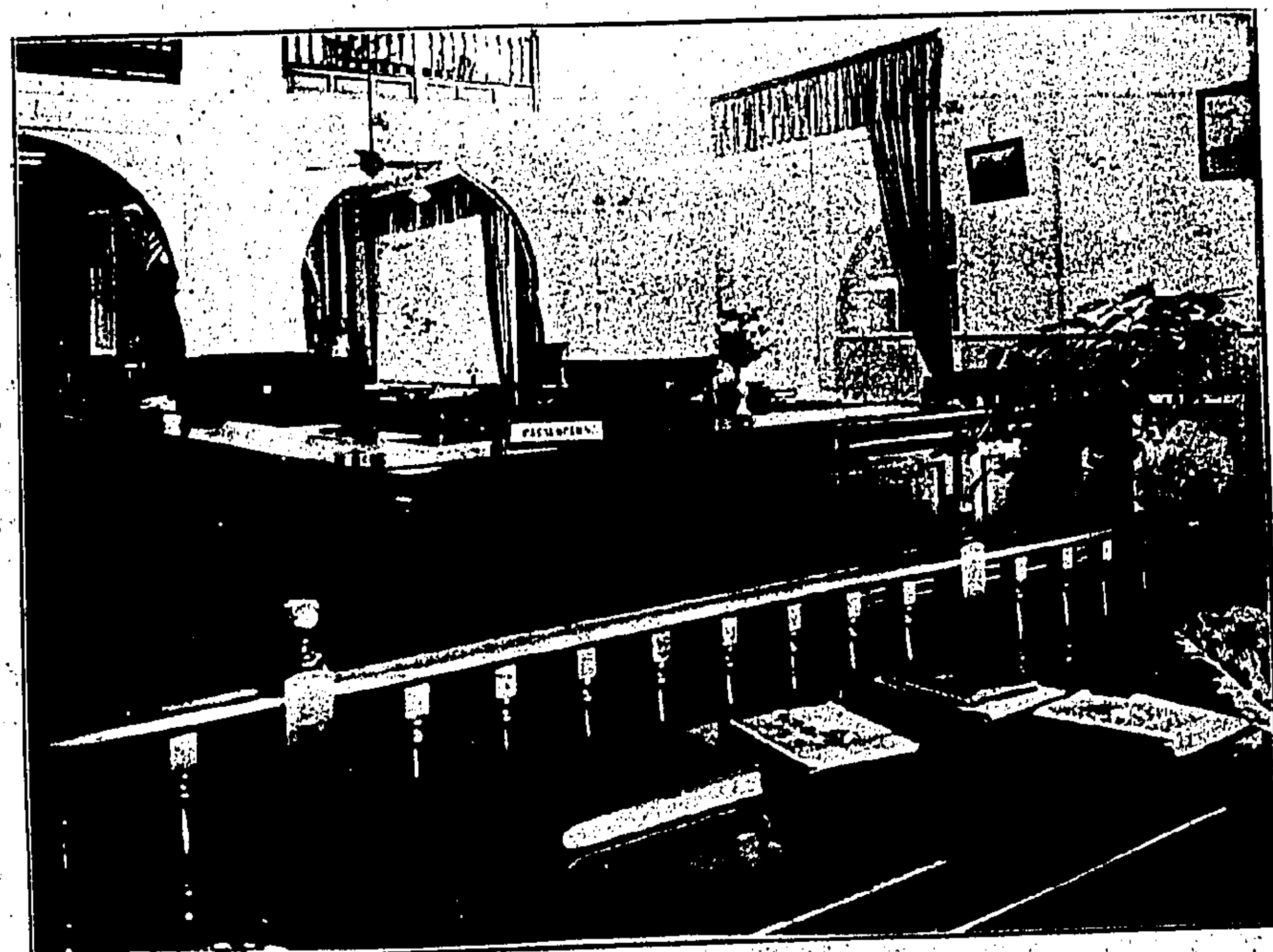
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MAIN ENTRANCE.—The two entrances from Pedder-street.



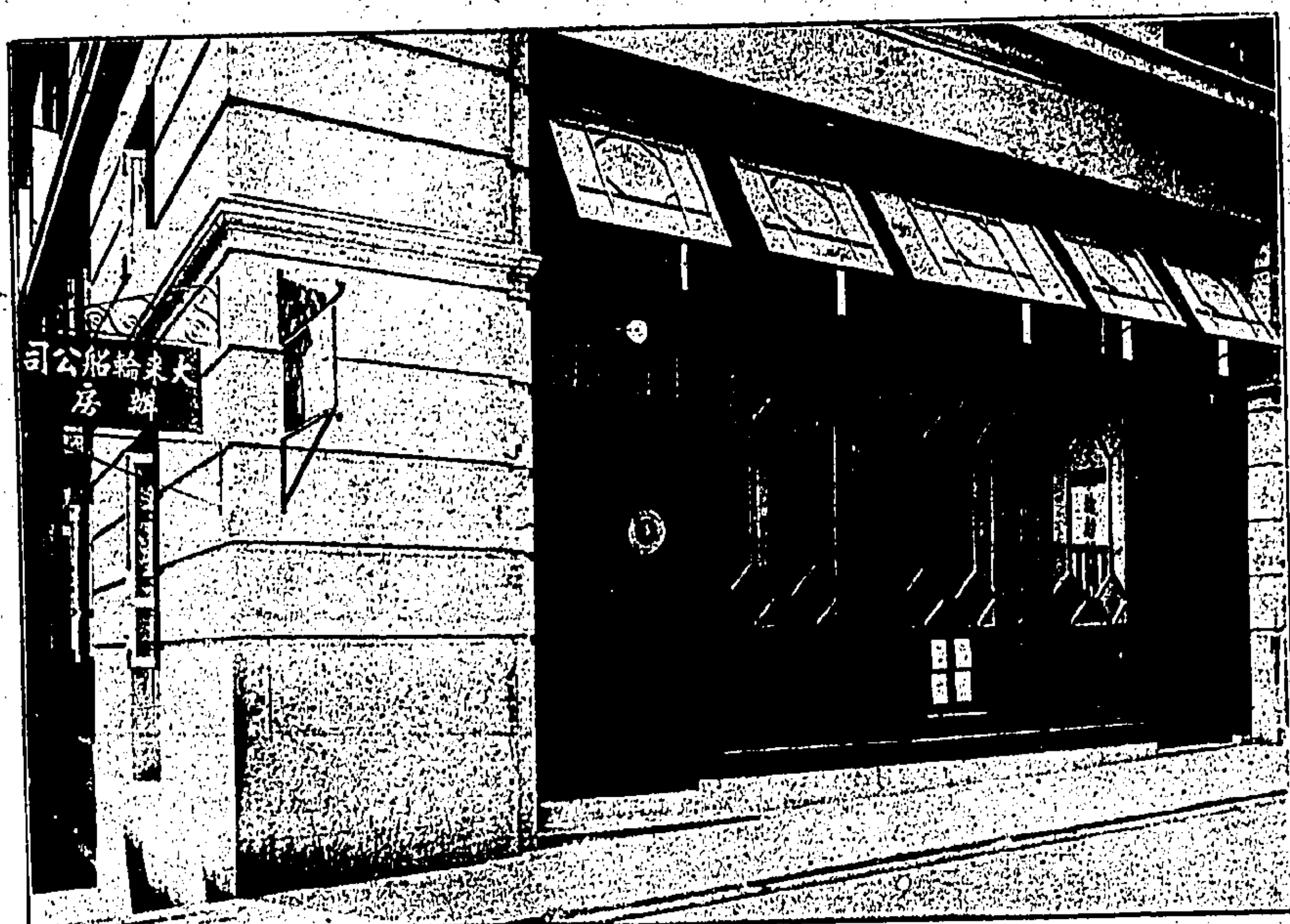
IN THE LOUNGE.—Just inside the entrance, for passengers.



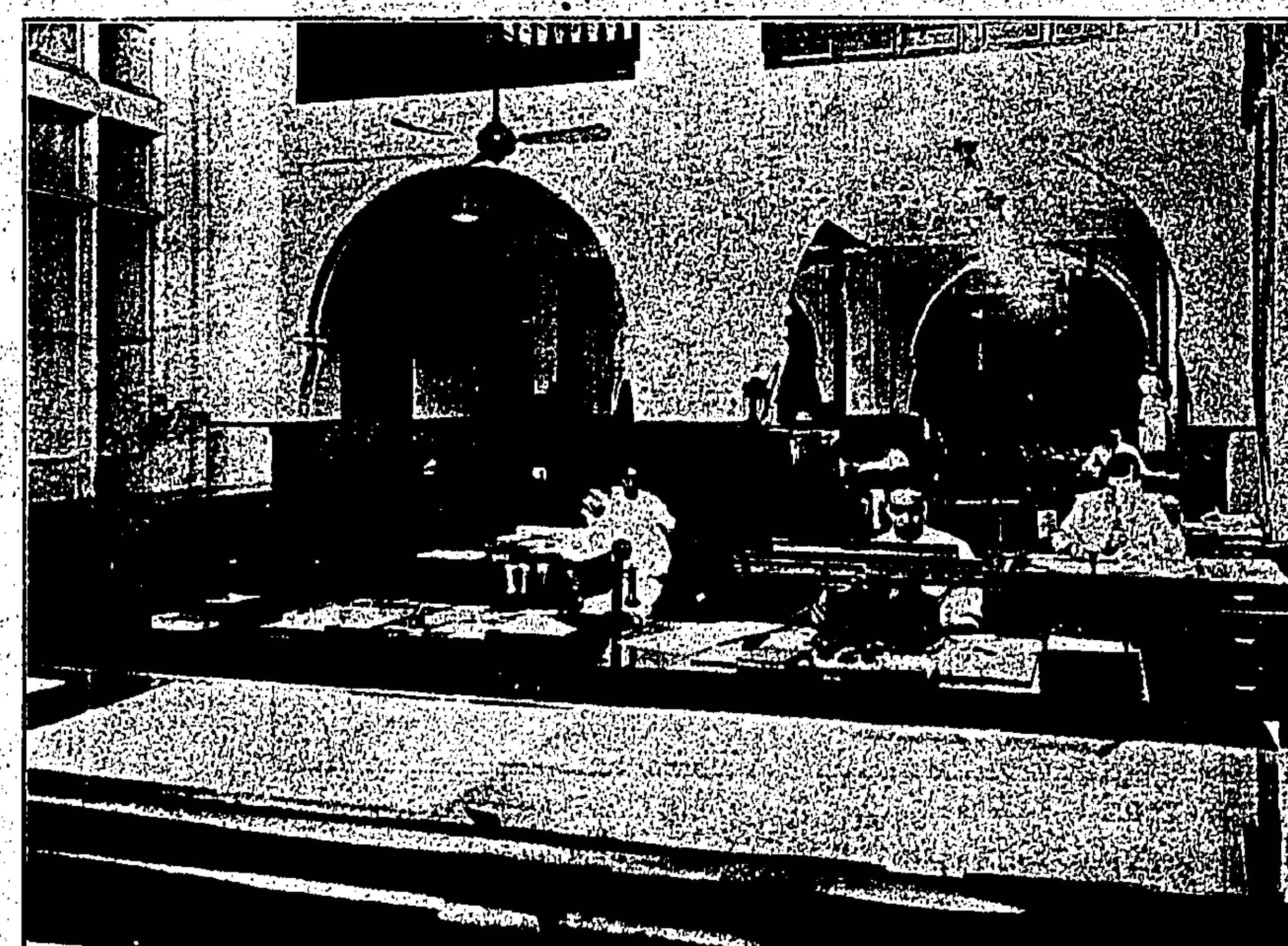
PASSENGER OFFICE.—The pleasant atmosphere just inside.



WHERE BOOKS ARE KEPT.—The accounts office, on the upper floor.



WHERE THE CHINESE GO.—Back entrance from Queen's Theatre.



ISSUE OF TICKETS.—At work behind the passenger dept. counter.

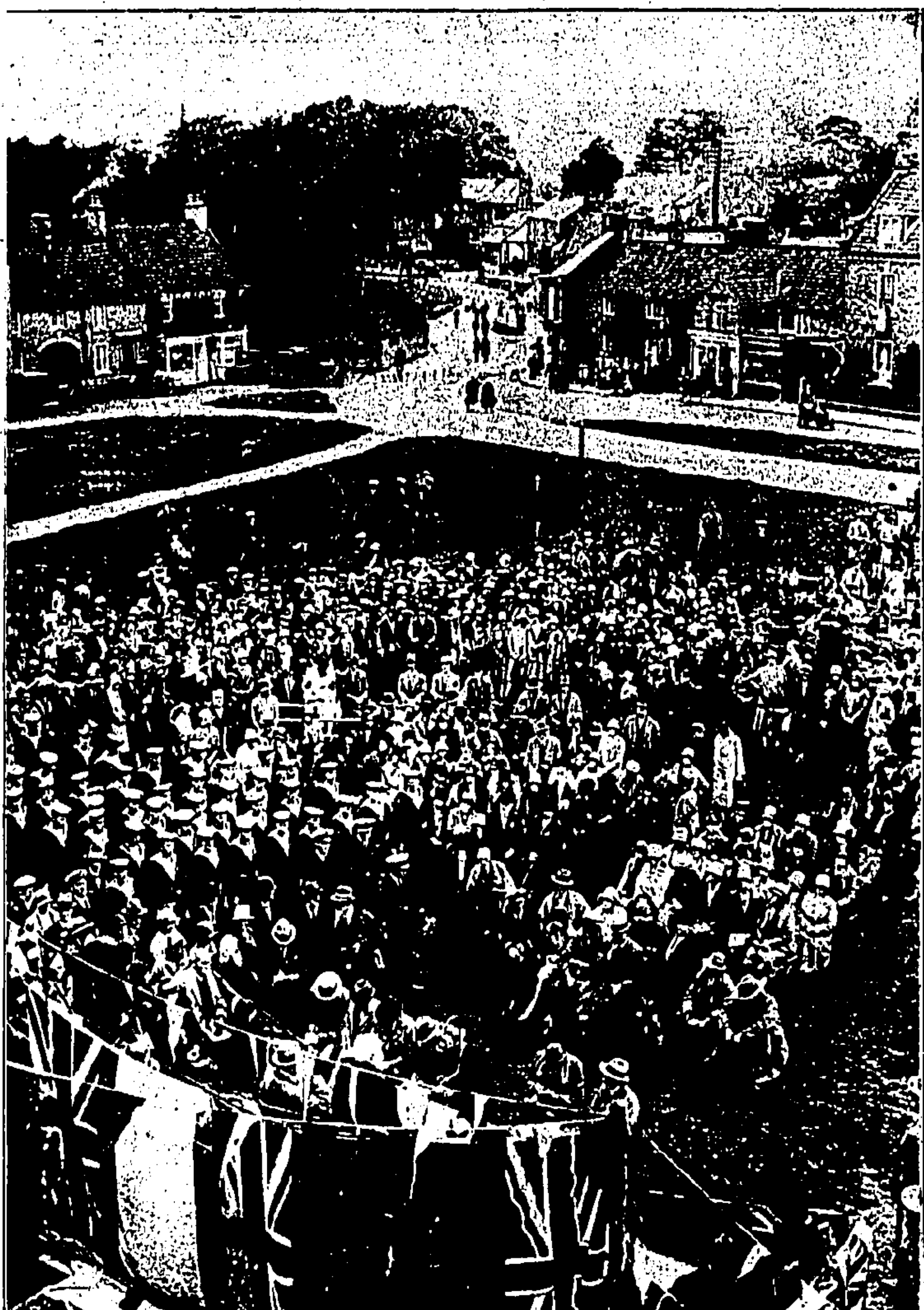


OPERATING DEPT.—Occupying part of the upstairs premises.



COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE.—The Chinese dept. at the back.

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BICENTENARY CELEBRATIONS OF THE BIRTH OF CAPTAIN JAMES COOK.—A Pilgrimage of Remembrance was held on Sept. 9 to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Captain James Cook, the discoverer of Australia, to Yorkshire, the County in which he was born and where he spent his early boyhood. A scene during the speeches at Great Ayton, Middlesbrough, at the opening of the celebrations. Note the quaint old town in the background.—(Sport and General).



HOLIDAYS ARE OVER.—Back to school again is the cry all over England. A scene at Eton College, Windsor, one of England's most famous public schools, on Sept. 20. A merry line of new boys at Eton in their world-famous attire, taking a look round the colleges. They do not seem at all perturbed at the prospect of the new term.—(Sport and General).



LONDON'S PROBABLE NEW LORD MAYOR.—If, as is thought certain in the city, Sir Kynaston Studd becomes the next occupant of the Mansion House, London will have a Princess for Lady Mayoress, as Lady Studd was, before her marriage, Princess Alexandra Lieven, daughter of Prince Paul Lieven, grand master of ceremonies at the Russian Imperial Court. Sir Kynaston, who is 70 years of age, is one of three brothers, who won fame at cricket and is president of the famous Polytechnic Institution, Regent-street, originally founded by his father.—(Sport and General).



GREAT LONDON TO BRIGHTON WALK.—The 10th annual walking race promoted by the Surrey Walking Club, for which there were 110 entrants was won on Sept. 8 by W. F. Baker (Queen's Park Harriers) who covered the approximate 52 miles in 8hrs. 32mins. 39secs. This is the fourth year he has won this event since 1923. C. Giani, last year's winner came second. Sponging down W. F. Baker, as he nears Brighton.—(Sport and General).



NOTABLE VISITOR TO LONDON.—The Sultan of Muscat and Oman, Sir Saiyid Taimur Bin Faisal Bin Turki, who has been staying at Skegness recovering from the effects of an operation, arrived on a visit to London on Sept. 16. Picture shows the Sultan of Muscat about to place a wreath on the Cenotaph in Whitehall, London.—(Sport and General).



A ROBOT TO OPEN AN EXHIBITION.—(On the right) The model engineering exhibition held at the Horticultural Hall, London, was officially opened by an automaton devised and constructed by Captain W. H. Richards. The Mechanical "Man," seen sitting, rose and bowed to the audience, made his speech and resumed his seat. Worked electrically, he did these movements in response to verbal commands from his exhibitor. The production of speech is a secret of the Maker, and is produced neither by gramophone records, nor talking film. Capt. Richards vouches for the ability of the Automaton being able to answer questions put to it by visitors.—(Sport and General).



SENSATIONAL ARRIVAL IN LONDON.—The robot devised and constructed by Capt. W. H. Richards, for the Engineering Exhibition, focused an inquisitive crowd to collect in Victoria-street.—(Sport and General).



FLYING ROUND THE WORLD IN A LIGHT SEAPLANE AT 56 YEARS OF AGE.—Mr. G. H. Storck, an American airman who is to attempt an aerial tour round the world, in an "Avro Avian" light plane fitted with floats. Mr. Storck claims to have been round the globe eleven times and first flew in 1907 in a machine of his own design and construction, in Florida. He is from Seattle, Washington and Jacksonville, Florida. His machine is named "Seattle Spirit" and starts from Hamble, near Southampton, Hants, England.—(Sport and General).



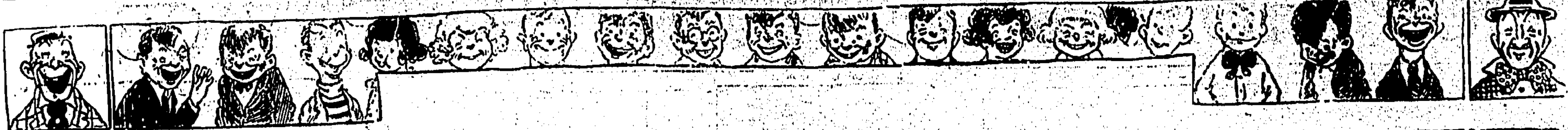
CHARING CROSS TRAIN SMASH.—Between twenty and thirty people—most of them girls—were injured when an electric train, crowded with passengers from Sidcup, Kent, crashed into the buffers at Charing Cross Station. The second and third coaches of the train were slightly telescoped, and parts of the carriages had to be sawn away before it was possible to reach some of the girls imprisoned in the wreckage. Several of the more seriously injured were taken to Charing Cross Hospital. Our picture shows the end portion of the first class coaches which were telescoped.—(Sport and General).



LONDON'S NOTABLE VISITOR.—The Sultan of Muscat, who is spending a month touring Great Britain and Ireland, visits Croydon aerodrome. The Postman handing over the Aerial post to the Sultan of Muscat. Sir Sefton Brancker, Air Vice-Marshal, who escorted the Sultan around, is on right of the picture.—(Sport and General).



FILM STARS' CIRCUS AND FUN FAIR.—In the Foundling Hospital grounds, Bloomsbury, where a party of film girls are seen racing on the new "Greyhound" horses, which cause much amusement.—(Sport and General).



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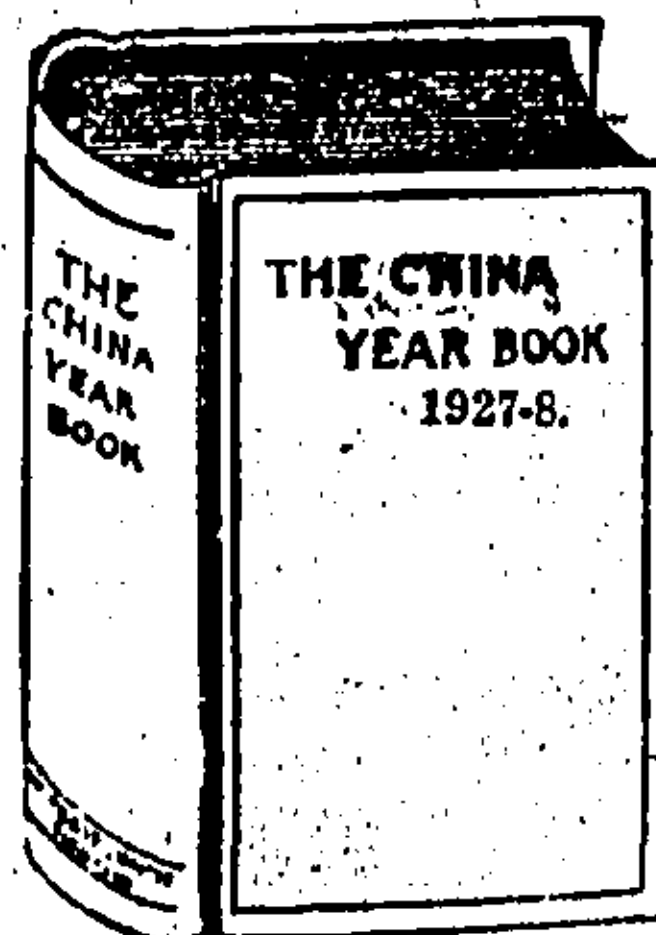
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III—A FORWARD STEP IN CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PRACTICE

[Annie C. Bih]

HEALING THE BREACH

Doctors, with the best intentions and the greatest human skill, can never eradicate disease nor establish the health that is the eternal right of man until they recognise the universal effect of mind-power and avail themselves of true metaphysical co-operation.

All the conceivable bodily precautions against contagion from specific forms of disease are unavailing to prevent the multiplication of diseases so long as wrong thoughts, in which all disease originates, are allowed to go unchecked.

The Lesson From Mrs. Eddy's Experience

In the early days of Mrs. Eddy's demonstration of metaphysical healing she made the following statement:

"I use no drugs whatever" (Misc. 348:18).

Toward the end of her practical leadership she was driven to utilise injections of morphine as a "temporary means" of relief from pain, in order to enable her to continue in the fulfilment of her mission. Mrs. Eddy had not changed her basic premise since the earlier days of the world revolution she had initiated to include all mankind in the field of mental and moral healing, and thus to establish universal health. To whoever understands her final explanation on page 164 of "Science and Health," this is obvious. There she explains that the bodily disease of an individual is caused by the "majority of human beliefs that man must die." She had emphasised before "the simple rule that the greater controls the lesser." The logical ultimate of those two rules is that if a majority of human beliefs in the necessity of disease and death were to continue, the words of Christ Jesus would be fulfilled, and no flesh could be saved. The minority would have no way of escape except to rise to the height of Jesus' "triumphant exit from the flesh." The work of the advancing minority of mankind to-day is clearly to strive to change the false belief of the majority from fear to hope, from faith to understanding of the present practical possibility of overcoming disease and death.

But until the scientific Church should demonstrate the higher moral and spiritual unity needed to change the opposition of a majority of mankind into a receptivity towards Science, even Christian Scientists must feel, though in lessening degrees, the effects of the beliefs of a majority of mankind in the supposed necessity of disease and death.

It was a calamity that Mrs. Eddy fell under the control of the greater embodiment of these beliefs before her students had learned how to win over the leaders of public thought to believe in the power of Mind and to recognise the unreality of so-called matter. Before scientific co-operation could be instituted to prove that genuine Christian Scientists, the medical faculty, and Christianity can "thrive together" and lift the mental element of faith above the temporal means employed, and so harness it to life and health, she had to resort to medical aid in direct opposition to her former practice of using "no drugs whatever." This action was totally misunderstood by her students who had not assimilated the scientific import of "the simple rule that the greater controls the lesser." The abstract statement—"truth is greater than error"—remains a pure abstraction until supported by demonstration. It seemed to Mrs. Eddy then too late to explain the scientific method of balancing the mutual interests of a majority on the wrong side and a minority on the right. But there is a method of Mind by which this can be done and one that never fails—the method of scientific co-operation that confers mutual benefits. This is the method discerned and applied by The Parent Church in this period.

The Christian Scientists were not found able to help Mrs. Eddy to explain the demand of the occasion and adjust the situation to the actual requirements of the "basic proposition" of the Science she had taught them, namely, "mortal thoughts in belief rule the material life in the body or in matter." (S. & H. 164:22). If only one had understood "the right use of temporary and eternal means," the experience of the Leader would have brought a blessing to the world, and the forward step of to-day would have been taken more than twenty years ago.

The students in Mrs. Eddy's home were dismayed and shocked at their Leader's report to the aid of the common consent for which the doctor was the recognized channel of authority. They endeavored to

hide from the field the doctor's visits, although well known to the community. Some even tried to prevent the use of the morphine by their suffering Leader. Her continuous lonely struggles finally culminated in death.

All that she left unsaid and unexplained in relation to the practitioner's "duty to patients," and "the right use of temporary and eternal means" was exemplified beyond contradiction in her own experience. It remains for all her followers now to understand and profit by that individual experience. The unreadiness of students to quit old positions and take the advanced steps and accept the commanding and countermarching necessary in all human progress, may have caused Mrs. Eddy to withhold the verbal explanation of the higher method of Mind to be applied by all Christian Science practitioners in "the future," which is to-day. She plainly said, "all the methods of Mind are not understood." That Mrs. Eddy's teaching authorities and requires this higher co-operation inaugurated by The Parent Church under its new By-Laws, is proved by her own prophetic words thereby fulfilled:

A genuine Christian Scientist loves Protestant and Catholic, D.D. and M.D.,—loves all who love God, good; and he loves his enemies. It will be found that, instead of opposing, such an individual subverts the interests of both medical faculty and Christianity, and they thrive together, learning that Mind-power is good will towards men (My. 4:14).

If Christian Scientists ever fail to receive aid from other Scientists, God will still guide them into the right use of temporary and eternal means. (S. & H. 444:7).

There is no shadow of doubt that the highest scientific co-operation is that which utilises every grain of human faith and hope on the side of recovery, and allies it to the defile power of the one Mind. Every patient thus healed is another human being instructed in the foundational laws of health and peace on earth—namely the law of loving his neighbours and of hating the suicidal course of wrong thinking, the cause of all his suffering. Thousands of invalids can thus learn by their healing that the golden rule of doing unto others as we would have them do to us, is a basic rule of health and immortality. This higher educational process is one of the radical differences between legitimate Christian Science treatment and what is called psychoanalysis. Another vital difference is that only the true Christian Scientist accepts the facts of immortality and the practical, scientific overcoming of death.

The Circumference In drawing a circle with a pair of compasses, a stage is reached before the circle is completed when the advancing line appears to be coming from a direction opposite to its beginning. So might it momentarily appear in the final stage of a general revolution of public opinion in relation to Christian Science healing.

There was no contradiction between the early steps in the Christian Science movement and those taken later by Mrs. Eddy in her individual struggle. Any seeming contradictions can appear only to those who fail to trace the unbroken line of advance as consistently encircling both hemispheres in the scientific evolution of The Christian Science Church in its past and present periods.

The night is dark to a majority of mankind asleep on the side of our rotating planet from which the sun is temporarily hidden, while to a minority who keep watch during the interval, starlight makes even night beautiful. In like manner the earth in its yearly revolution round the sun advances from springtime to summer, reaches dull autumn and then drops into cold, hard winter, when the essential progress must be continued even when faced by winds, rain, and tempest. How contrary all then seems to the peaceful early days of beautiful June; until, presently, the March winds die down, days lengthen, the sun gains he ascendancy, and buds everywhere herald bursting bloom and perfume.

Mrs. Eddy's winter time only marked out the next step for all who should succeed her in carrying on the world-encircling movement.

Experiment Completed The experimental stage of Christian Science healing is past. The time has come when its early educational course must be turned to good account for the whole world. The eternal rules of health, understood by the advancing minority of Christian Scientists, must now be applied in practical, scientific co-operation for the alleviation of human suffering among all classes of mankind.

Drugs, Past and Present Mrs. Eddy's prophecy that all matter would become "vague" has already been fulfilled since it is no longer regarded by the physicians as solid substance, but classified as energy.

In the early days of Mrs. Eddy's demonstration, a distinct and hard line was drawn between so-called matter and mind. This line has now become so softened and vague in the field of physics that all on the "material" side seems preparing to vanish like shadows, in the light of Mind thrown upon it.

Christian Science, "abreast of the times," does not repudiate the faith reposed in "temporary" means but separates it from the drug like wheat from tares and relates it on its original basis of Mind-power. The lesser demonstrations of the individual healing of disease through faith afford more than enough evidence of the absolute supremacy of the one Mind. The healing of all diseases will be accomplished when collective mentality is harnessed and utilised systematically on a larger scale of operations.

"The Talent of Spiritual Healing" The gift of spiritual healing has been entrusted to Christian Scientists—a numerical minority of mankind—in the differing degrees of each one's ability to receive it. But each recipient must invest his portion of the gift, great or small, for the benefit of the whole circle of mankind.

Only the smallest minority of Mrs. Eddy's followers grasped the scientific relation between the interests of individual and collective mankind. This relation is vividly illustrated in Jesus' parable of the talents. Its vital point, understood, explains the necessity for the conscious and therefore immediate linking of successive periods of progress as the precedent to the overcoming of death. The unfaithful and fearful recipient complains, "I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine." The methods and order in God's design are "hard," that is, accurate, unyielding, and unalterable. Each period gathers the harvest of good sown in the one preceding. So quick are the methods of Mind, when unobstructed by the products of human ignorance, that the sower of a new period may rejoice with the reapers of the previous one.

The Manual rules of Mrs. Eddy's day had been outgrown, and they contained no legal provisions for the harvest gathering that must ensue. Learning the opposition to be encountered, the minority was not so afraid of the undertaking as to permit the talent of spiritual healing to be buried in its letter and left to decay. Every item of good gained by that minority, now known as The Christian Science Parent Church, has been invested in the practical measures taken in making known the universal design of life and the unfolding rules of health for all mankind.

Progress of this Church has passed far beyond the limits fixed for students of the past period in the days of their early educational footsteps. Mrs. Eddy well said, "Judge not the future advancement of Christian Science by the steps already taken." That future is "to-day." Hence the utility of the new covenant.

A New Order The Parent Church voices a new order of the ages. Its workers are equipped to go out and apply the "truth-cure" in the highways, the well-beaten, orthodox paths marked out by the faith of ages. They know how to gather the faith in good, there wasted, and bind it to the facts of life. As faithful and wise stewards, they are ready to dispense the pure mental element needed for complete mastery over every form of sin and disease, and thus to bring permanent health to mankind—not by opposing but by aiding the receptive doctor, surgeon, and nurse.

This stage, in practical Christian Science, illustrates the fourth and final call to the marriage feast in Jesus' parable: "Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage." So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests (Matt. 22:9, 10). This parable brings out the scientific import of the covenants, new and old, in all successive periods; the wedding garment that must distinguish each guest at the great feast; and Mrs. Eddy's description of practical Christian Science as "the World, and the wedding (the linking by practical application) of this Word to all human thought and action."

From Extremes to Intermediate. Truly Mrs. Eddy thrice repeated, "Follow your Leader only so far as (Continued on Page 12.)"

COUNT THE "MAILS." See Page 2.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MR. J. N. SMITH AND H.K. UNIVERSITY

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—The press have published a statement which purports to have been made by Dr. Wang Chung-hui to a representative of the "Central News" (Chinese), about Mr. John Nind Smith. Dr. Wang is reported to have said:—

"I had no knowledge of Mr. Nind Smith further than that he is a Professor in Hong Kong University, and that at the time of the strike in Hong Kong he was reported to have said that the Nationalist Government would not be allowed to interfere in Hong Kong. On account of this he found it necessary to leave China, etc."

Mr. J. N. Smith came to Hong Kong in September, 1924, as the University's Professor of Education. He resigned on February 18, 1925. The University Council at a special meeting held on the same day accepted his resignation and shortly afterwards he left the Colony. Whether Mr. Smith ever said that the Nationalist Government would not be allowed to interfere in matters relating to Hong Kong, I cannot say. But this statement, if it were ever made, had no bearing whatsoever either on Mr. Smith's resignation or on his subsequent departure from Hong Kong.

Yours, etc.,
W. W. HORNELL,
Vice-Chancellor,
University of Hong Kong.
Hong Kong, Oct. 20.

"CHRISTIAN SCIENCE"

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—It would be difficult to imagine a more erroneous statement than one made under the heading of "Christian Science," in your correspondence column last night.

An article was quoted in which the following statement occurs: "to-day in thousands of cases earnest Christian Scientists, often with years of church membership and experience as practitioners behind them, are unable to meet this most elementary 'human need' for bodily healing and remain incapacitated or are constantly struggling against disease." If this statement were in the least true, the Christian Science movement would have ceased to exist long before now. The truth is that since its inception a little over 60 years ago, Christian Science has steadily grown, until there are now over 2,500 churches throughout the world. And why? Because Christian Science is healing all manner of sin and disease in accordance with the teachings of Jesus Christ. The membership of these churches is largely made up of those who have been healed through Christian Science and restored to happy, healthy and useful existence; often after having been given up by the doctors.

These facts are so well known to-day that it is not necessary to enlarge on them. However, in order to prevent any misunderstanding amongst your readers, it seems desirable to state that the publication called the "Christian Science Watchman," has absolutely no connection with the Christian Science organization as founded by Mary Baker Eddy. In the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," Mrs. Eddy writes: "Divine Love always has met and always will meet every human need" (p. 494). The truth of this sentence is being proved daily by thousands

of Christian Scientists all over the world. Each week in the Christian Science Sentinel and every month in "The Christian Science Journal" (the official publications of the Christian Science movement) there are published many authentic testimonies of the healing of both sin and disease and the gaining of freedom from worry, sorrow, lack, hatred and fear.

When the assertion is made that Christian Science does not meet every human need, it really amounts to saying that God, Divine Love, is not equal to the task of preserving His creation. But Christian Science demonstrates that God is All in all and successfully relies solely on His power for healing.

Yours, etc.,
W. H. ADLER,
Christian Science Committee on Publication.
Hong Kong, Oct. 20.

Mr. E. P. H. Lang, who recently returned to the Colony under appointment as Deputy Registrar of the Supreme Court, has been appointed by the Chief Justice as a Commissioner of Oaths.

H.M. the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disavowance with respect to Ordinance No. 11 of 1928. For the appropriation of a supplementary sum of \$387,599.35 to defray the charges of the year 1927.

The following dividends in bankruptcy:—Chan Shiu-tsun of No. 68, DesVaux-road Central, clerk, second dividend of 5 per cent.; Leung Chin-chun (or chuen) of No. 182, Queen's-road East, first and final of 12 per cent.

Tsang Yu, who had been detained for being implicated in a kidnapping incident up-country, has been handed over by the local Government authorities to the Canton Government. He will be conveyed to Canton on the s.s. "Tung On."

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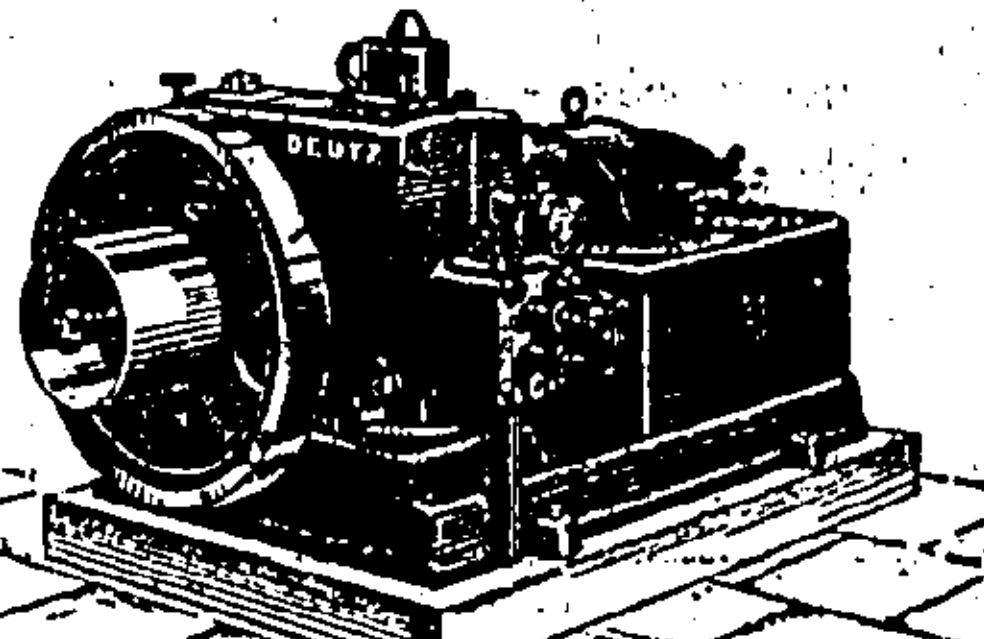
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FASHIONS AND FANCIES

CLOTHES—AND BRAINS

So much brain and taste are being brought to the making of women's clothes, and they are well worth the study which so many people now give to them.

Any woman with intelligence can get some character which is personal into clothes while following fashion closely enough not to look peculiar, eccentric, or ridiculous.

When dining recently at one of the most popular restaurants for the *beau monde*, it was interesting to look and draw conclusions about women by the way they were dressed. The predominating impression was one of neatness, and a dislike of superfluous fuss. It is surely true to-day that women do not dress for men. They dress to please themselves, and it is doubtful whether a woman thinks about a man at all when choosing her frocks and hats. She may think about the hats worn by some of her women friends, the dresses she has admired on other women, and be a little perplexed about how to choose what suits her best; but it is not often that a woman dresses to please her husband against her own inclinations.

She rightly considers that she knows better than he does what is the best and clearest way to dress, and looks on his taste as unformed, amateur, as compared with her own should she have taken dress seriously.

A Feminine Weakness

The Parisian does take dress seriously, so does the American, but not always the Englishwoman. To be frankly interested in fashion in England is still ranked among secret feminine weaknesses. Fashion is still thought about as a frivolous jade leading women to extravagance and folly.

Moreover, so many English women get quickly bored with

lose interest in her appearance she should pull herself together by remembering that she is a part of the stage scene of life, and has her little part to play. In youth a little carelessness in dress may be admitted; in maturity and declining years, no.

The middle-aged woman has to bring all her wits to bear on that question of clothes. If she would remain pleasing to the eye, as, indeed, it is her duty to do. It can be done, and no one helps more towards making it easy than the clever Parisian dress designers, who know from experience that it is not only a pretty face and youth which carry clothes well, but experience in life and its lessons, and character formed by the use of brains and heart.

How often in French history do we not read of the charm of plain women? *Une femme laide* has worked greater havoc with hearts than many a merely pretty woman. —Morning Post.

THE NEW MAN-MADE FABRICS

We may no longer avoid giving artificial materials our earnest consideration, for they grow more important every season, and have attained a perfection that is noteworthy. And they appeal for a third reason—they are consistently lower in price than the materials they imitate. We cannot afford to ignore a product that we are using, oftentimes, unknown to us, more and more frequently and in more and different ways.

In a general way these man-made fabrics are called rayon, and were first introduced as an artificial silk because of their silky qualities. When we first tried them out, we found them unsatisfactory, for they possessed a low tensile strength—were reduced to practi-

LINGERIE

The hip yoke fashion has now spread to lingerie.

The yoke of to-day is not to be confused with that substantial circular band (made from two thicknesses of calico) which once held the voluminous folds of the flannel petticoat.

A single layer of lace, net, georgette, or triple nylon has to support the whole weight of the nether garment to-day. Only for sports wear is a thicker fabric such as crepe de Chine or Milanese silk permitted.

For Wear Under Dance Frocks. The lace of the brassiere matches that used on the plectric nylon knickers. Both brassiere and the lace on the knickers are bound with a very narrow band of plectric a non.

The garment is especially designed for wearing under one of the new bouffant dresses that have a light-fitting bodice.

The lace top is mounted on a foundation of firm but fine net which gives it sufficient strength to support the strain of suspenders, which obviate the necessity for wearing a corselet or suspender belt.

To Take the Place of a Brassiere. This top is very carefully fitted so that it takes the place of a brassiere and is cut very low at the back.

Flesh pink georgette knickers and a frilly georgette petticoat are joined to the same top. A single row of pink pearls arranged in the new necklace fashion takes the place of shoulder straps and matches the pearls that finish the lower edges of the knickers.

The whole garment opens down the left side. —Odette, in "Daily Mail."

Aviation Goes to Lady's Head.



Influence of things aeronautical is reflected in the latest hat styles for women. These chic hats are modelled on the aviator's helmet, being designed to lend flattering lines to the facial contour and to serve for impromptu air journeys. Left, an attractive model adorned with gold sequins; centre, a hat of solid cloth with a suggestion of Egyptian influence; right, a hairline left brown effect with nose veil and an aviatrix motif.

fashion. They like nice clothes, they are frequently extravagant by choosing hastily; they do not bend all their intelligence to that choice, and do not always have a clear idea in their minds of what they want. This means confusion, and the result of confusion is never pleasing. You have to be clever about clothes if you want to look well dressed, whether you are poor or rich. That many women are clever is clearly seen on every side in Paris.

A Frenchwoman, no longer very young nor very slim, has realized that it was time for her to change her style of dress to suit her figure. She has set aside the girlish clothes she used to wear, and has chosen something more grown-up. She has had half an inch put on to her skirts, she avoids anything tight, and she carefully shadows tell-tale lines about the throat. She wears flashes of colour on black or neutral backgrounds, pays more to get comfortable and good-looking shoes than she ever has before, takes great care of her skin, and does exercises regularly, boring though she finds them. She does not diet strictly, but says no to fattening foods and drinks. In a word she is a clever, practical woman with self-control.

Carelessness in Dress. The business of dressing well and cleverly is worth while from all points of view. In every woman from many a minor angle, it teaches her to know herself, to spend her money wisely, to choose what she likes, to avoid ignorance, to avoid all that is cheap, self-indulgent, and little else of value. The moment a woman comes to

cally no strength at all in water, although they regained their strength when dry, and they did not take dyes at all satisfactory.

They were inclined to be heavy and they were not supple, although decidedly lustrous. The first knit garments that were produced not only stretched, but sagged, and if a thread broke, it produced runs and ladders much more quickly, even, than silk. Dyes made their products for silk, wool and cotton—rayon was neither, so it refused to take colour from dyes manufactured for another type of material. The very fact that the general fashions of the moment stress suppleness, a wide range of colours, softness, sheen, but not a high lustre, and durability in their approved fabrics, added to the increase in the consumption of rayon and its rapidly growing popularity, serve to prove the advance that has been made in perfecting this material. Rayon yarns, at one time generally discredited, are now a staple.

We are told that pliability has been achieved, and a new line of days has been originated. Lustre has been reduced and a soft sheen acquired. And finer, softer yarns, more of the texture of silk, have been brought out. These improvements have made possible the growth and expansion of an industry that will soon be an accepted fact, as is the silk and cotton business, automobiles, the radio.

In one respect rayon has a distinct advantage over silk, wool, or cotton. It is manufactured yarn and does not depend upon crops, and for the humble worm, which produces our favorite yarn, no insecticide or disease can be introduced. Rayon is made from wood pulp, and its production can be controlled. Add in its favor the

luxuries, this is no inconsiderable argument in its favour.

The woman who longed for silk underwear, but found it necessary to keep to cotton, has a friend in rayon. It is not silk, to be sure, but it makes garments that look like silk yet wear exceedingly well, and who will deny that there's "nothing either good or bad but thinking makes it so?" A survey will show that rayon materials have replaced cotton to a great extent in the underwear field.

Frocks of rayon, or rayon in combination with cotton, are now stock-in-trade in the department stores. Do not assume that rayon has the wearing qualities of cotton, for it has not, as yet, although there are promises that we may hope to see fulfilled. But the difference is not as great as it might be, and when the two form an alliance, we have the sheen of the one and the durability of the other.

It will be noted that rayon not only stands by itself, but combines acceptably with other rayons. Used with the older materials it creates novelty effects that are intriguing. These materials are used as a background, and a design is worked out in rayon, or the threads are used to achieve a mixed effect. Foreign manufacturers, notable for their textiles, have begun to experiment with this new yarn.

So we have rayon and rayon and cotton, rayon and silk, and rayon and wool mixtures added to our fabric list. Rayon velvets and rayon voiles are featured in the fabric sections, and wide-spread advertising campaigns have been instituted to tell the world of women of the possibilities of this new yarn, not only in general fashions, but in the drapery and upholstery field. Rayon fabrics are novel, beautiful, distinctive.



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But there is much more in the "Overland." It is the only illustrated weekly budget of "local" and "China" news published in Hong Kong. The best selection of "pioneer pictures" will be found in the "Overland" in the handiest form. In fact, the latest "Overland" will make a delightful souvenir to many whose names are mentioned.

As to news in general, the "Overland" includes reports on departures of well-known Hong Kong-ites, the newest phases of piracy, developments in North China, the official luncheon by a British Lt. Col. to a Chinese General, the Public Exchequer, also the week's sport history, with a very interesting review about the Fanning Hunt.

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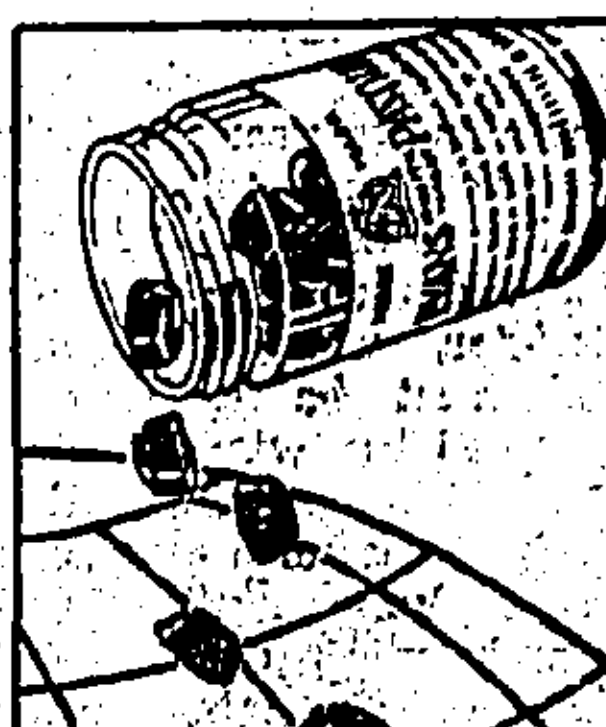
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The final of the ladies' championship tournament will be played off this evening at 7.30 in the Hong Kong University Union when Miss Wong Yuen-lan (Rhenish Church) will meet Miss Purple Wong (Chung-shen Athletic Association), the champion of last year.

After the match, Miss Violet Ng Ting-ting, a distinguished Chinese lady scholar will give away the prizes to the successful winners of the League and singles championship.

V.R.C. AQUATICS

LYON AND WAN WIN CHAMPIONSHIPS

TO-DAY'S EVENTS

Two more Championship events in the annual aquatic sports of the Victoria Recreation Club were decided in the Club bath last evening. These were the 220 yards Free Style Championship and the 100 yards Breast Stroke.

There were only three competitors in the 220 yards event—J. R.

OLYMPIC "FACES"



Johnstone, D. Lyon and L. Roza Pereira, and was a very well contested race between Johnstone and Lyon, who eventually won by a touch.

All three were level in the first length. Johnstone went slightly ahead in the second whilst Lyon and Roza Pereira kept together. There was no change until the fourth length when Lyon drew level with Johnstone, with Roza Pereira still going strongly slightly behind the two. In the fifth length, Lyon began to pull away from Johnstone, and in the sixth he was in a comfortable position. Then Johnstone spurred to make an exciting finish with Lyon who was, however, equal to Johnstone's challenge and remaining in front, just managed to win a fine race. Roza Pereira was left a good distance behind in the last two lengths but picked up somewhat at the finish.

The times were: Lyon, 2.38.2/5 secs.; Johnstone, 2.38.4/5 secs.; Roza Pereira, 2.46 secs. This makes Lyon's fifth win in this event for five years in succession—1924, 1925, 1926, 1927 and 1928. In 1925, however, Lyon had to share honours with A. May who managed to hold him to a dead-heat. The best time returned by Lyon for the 220 was in 1924 when he was "clocked" at 2.34.1/5 secs. His time last year was 2.37 secs. which is 1.2/5 secs. better than last evening's performance.

Breast Stroke
The 100 yards Breast Stroke event attracted the following competitors:—Wong Kwong-ting, Lo G. Hin, Yeung Yuen-wah, H. M. Remedios and W. Foraita. Wan and Lo who had the two outside positions took a slight lead half way through the first length and remained in front throughout the race. Yeung was well placed in third position in the second length. Wan swam strongly in the last two lengths. Lo responded well

HOME SOCCER

MATCHES DOWN FOR TO-DAY

CHANCE FOR CHELSEA

The following is the complete programme of Home football matches for to-day:—

Division I.

Aston Villa v. Bolton.
Burnley v. Blackburn.
Bury v. Wednesday.
Cardiff v. Sunderland.
Leeds v. Manchester C.
Leicester v. Portsmouth.
Liverpool v. Huddersfield.
Manchester U. v. Birmingham.
Newcastle v. Arsenal.
Sheffield U. v. Derby.
West Ham v. Everton.

Division II.

Hull v. Stoke.
Middlesbrough v. Blackpool.
Millwall v. West Brom.
Notts. C. v. Notts. Forest.
Oldham v. Chelsea.
Port Vale v. Clapton O.
Preston v. Swansea.
Reading v. Bradford.
Southampton v. Barnsley.
Tottenham v. Grimsby.
Wolves v. Bristol C.

Division III (S)

Bristol R. v. Brentford.
Crystal Pal. v. Charlton.
Fulham v. Merton.
Gillingham v. Exeter.
Newport v. Northampton.
Plymouth v. Southend.
Queen's P. R. v. Bournemouth.
Swindon v. Norwich.
Torquay v. Brighton.
Walsall v. Coventry.
Watford v. Luton.

Division III (N)

Accrington v. Ashington.
Bradford C. v. Doncaster.
Carlisle v. Nelson.
Crewe v. Rochdale.
Halifax v. Chesterfield.
Hartlepool v. Sth. Shields.
Lincoln v. Barrow.
Rotherham v. Darlington.
Stockport v. Wrexham.
Tranmere v. New Brighton.
Wigan v. Southport.

Scottish League

Airdrie v. Falkirk.
Ayr v. Queen's Park.
Celtic v. Rangers.
Cowdenbeath v. Raith R.
Heart of Midlothian.
Motherwell v. Hamilton.
Partick T. v. Clyde.
St. Johnstone v. Dundee.
St. Mirren v. Kilmarnock.
Third Lanark v. Aberdeen.

HOCKEY CLUB TEAMS

The following will represent the Hong Hockey Club:—

1st XI v. the Queen's Regt. on U.S.R.C. ground on Wednesday next at 5 p.m.:—A. C. Howell, O. E. C. Marton, W. Woodward, A. A. Dand (captain), E. J. R. Mitchell, J. E. Noronha, H. Owen Hughes, R. K. Valentine, Divett, C. C. Francis and G. R. Vallack.
The 2nd XI to meet the Y.M.C.A. at King's Park on Monday at 5 p.m. will be:—K. M. Tait, R. R. Todd, L. F. Nicholson (captain), I. W. Shewan, L. A. R. Duncan, Rev. N. Evans, J. A. L. Plummer, Major J. P. Greig, W. A. Nowers, L. A. C. Calthrop and E. R. West.

"A" team v. Recreio 2nd XI on Friday next at King's Park at 5 p.m.:—R. W. Sapsed, E. R. Robinson, A. J. Ashby, T. Whitley, A. C. Howell, T. P. Sanderson, F. E. G. Munn (captain), R. D. Beaumont, H. V. Parker, V. M. L. Stanion, and E. C. Fincher.

for a while and then fell back slightly. He tried hard throughout the last length to get on even terms but failed to wipe out Wan's advantage. Yeung kept up well with the leaders and secured third place only three seconds behind Lo. The other two were a good half length behind Yeung.

The times were:—Wan, 78.2/5 secs.; Lo, 80 secs.; Yeung 83 secs. This afternoon the following events are down for decision:—440 yards, 100 yards Ladies, 100 yards Boys, 100 yards Team Race and High Diving Championships.

OUR WEEKLY SERMON

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she follows "Christ." Her suffering experience points to the final step needed, in healing, to balance human interests on the intermediate point of normal health between the extremes of cold, dull, metaphysical abstractions and of gross materiality. This step must be attained before the unreality of matter and the tangibility of mental phenomena can be clearly recognised by a majority.

In the intermediate stage of healing, who would not condemn a morose refusal of "temporary means" to lessen sufferings? Is there a single theorist of abstract Christian Science who would close the doors of the hospitals even for one hour, against the victims of disease, and of accident in our busy streets?

The Seventh Period

The time has fully come for every Christian Scientist to prove his real status and genuine love for humanity by freeing himself from voluntary bonds that hinder progress. Delay is cruel and merciless toward suffering mankind. Diseases have increased in variety in spite of all the doctor's efforts to grapple with them without the aid of metaphysics. Blind faith in the theory of Christian Science is even more fatal than is blind faith in any temporal means of healing, for "a single mistake in metaphysics, or in ethics, is more fatal than a mistake in physics." One such collective fatal mistake should surely be ample to prove the truth of the above words. Instead of going out into hospitals to co-operate in uplifting human hope and faith, students who are still enwrapped in the napkin of the old letter, the "grave clothes" of Science, have made the directly opposite move!

Thoughts have been collectively centered on the building of new hospitals, misnamed "benevolent sanatoriums," to prepare for diseased conditions within their own Christian Science church circles—circles which were purposely formed by Mrs. Eddy to exclude all error and include all Truth. Within each of these lesser mental circles a majority of diseased conditions have been collected for metaphysical treatment, while in other departments of the church, hungry students are being daily taught the surprisingly opposite method that to permit disease to be present in the thought must bring it into the experience of the individual! What, then, must be the collective multiplication of physical discord? When failing to heal cases these hospital authorities are driven to call in outside medical aid and to send home so-called incurable patients. How came Mrs. Eddy's followers to fall into such a fatal mistake?

In every circle of mankind are found a majority and a minority. Did not Mrs. Eddy's own decease illustrate the effect on the individual of the false beliefs of "a majority of mankind"? And do not her words of instruction still hold good, "that the greater controls the lesser" and that "the body will reflect what governs it"? Both these rules are pressed home upon her readers by Mrs. Eddy. Let those who now recognise error as error forget personal sense and inspired by an awakening love toward their neighbour, retrace wrong steps, acknowledge this fatal mistake and follow Truth's lead while they have time.

A Misleading Position
In numerous cases of individual need, Christian Scientists have been morally forced, often too late, to appeal to doctors, dentists, oculists, and medical hospitals. But the

share of credit due for help received has been grudgingly admitted and the resulting cures included in public testimonies of gratitude for benefits received through Christian Science. Christian Science teachers of the past period declaring the methods of *materia medica* dangerous and doomed to failure as opposed to the Science of Mind, forget that as long as the greater quantity of human faith rests upon a so-called material basis, they are thus weakening the very staff on which they may be thankful, temporarily, to lean in a final, contingency. Mrs. Eddy says, "Indulging deceit is like the defendant arguing for the plaintiff in favour of a decision which the defendant knows will be turned against himself."

Ineligible Practitioners

Thousands of Mrs. Eddy's followers, instead of instituting open, intelligent, metaphysical co-operation with the medical world, are literally repeating her sad individual experience, and at a much earlier age.

We cannot lift others with our own hands tied. Christian Science practitioners could not become scientifically eligible to render safe and effective aid to doctors until their own understanding of the methods of Mind should be firmly established. The Science of mental formation must first be understood, and thought purified from much that is unworthy and undesirable for embodiment. For Mrs. Eddy to have instituted by-laws sending out into the recognised highways of healing, practitioners who had not themselves perceived the fatal course of collecting cases of disease in sanatoriums for metaphysical treatment, would have been to confuse every scientific issue, multiply disease, spread contagion, and hinder the healing of a majority of mankind instead of hastening it.

The harvest separation between faith and drugs had first to be practically illustrated in operative Christian Science. Mrs. Eddy must have foreseen this position when calling attention to the great moral force of public opinion, when on the right side—the side of life and health. She says, "The vox populi, through the providence of God, promotes and impels all true reform; and, at the best time, will redress wrongs and rectify injustice. . . . God reigns, and will turn and overturn until right is found supreme."

Mind-Power is Goodwill

The "mental and moral might" operative in all healing, is preeminently manifested in the united endeavours of Christian Scientists and the medical fraternity. The mental right conviction of the metaphysical added to the practical work of the doctor and surgeon to replace whatever is abnormal in the human body, marks the beginning of the "restoration of all things," foretold in the Bible as necessary to precede the transformation of all human experience to a higher spiritual basis of thought and action.

Christian Science Vindicated
The final proof of the "full might of this Science" comes with the scientific, mutual co-operation in healing disease on the highest moral and spiritual basis attained. Then if the Christian Scientist, incidentally, asks help from a doctor and is completely healed in a minimum of time, and difficult cases, chronic and acute, yield to medical endeavours when linked with Christian Science treatment, beyond all previous records; and if these experiences spread and multiply a thousandfold, Christian Science will be acknowledged to have brought to humanity the missing element of pure mental energy. This God-derived element is essential for the eradication of all disease and the evolution of a higher manifestation of intelligent existence.

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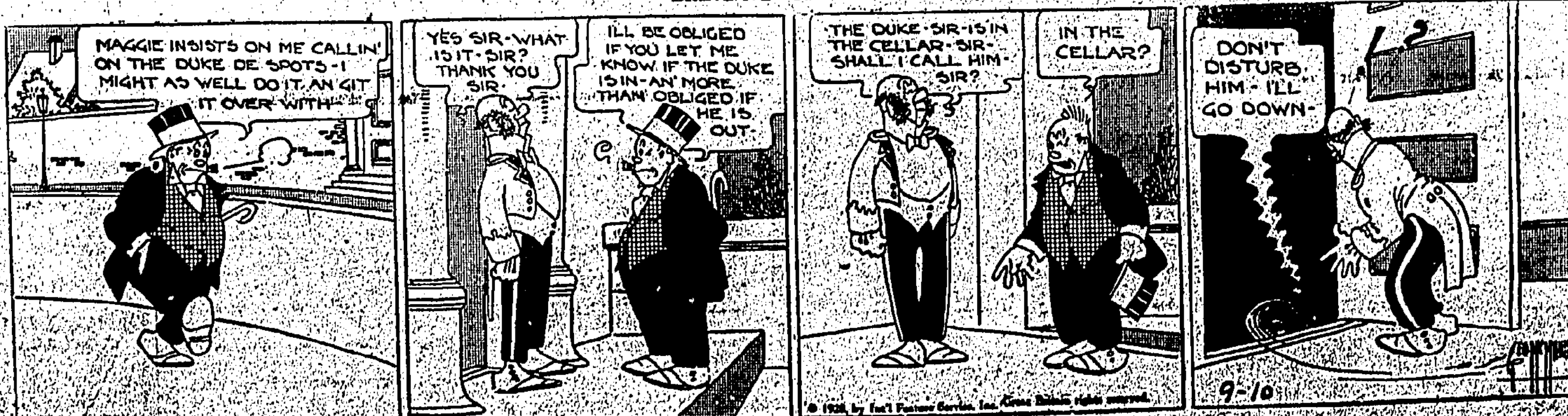
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Viscount G. Okabe, of Tokyo, who will occupy the recently created diplomatic post of Japanese Minister to Canada.

Her Troth Plighted.



Mrs. Vincent Dahlgren Pierce, cousin of Mrs. Vincent Astor and one of the most popular of Washington's younger set, will become the bride of Robert F. Herrick, Jr., of Boston.

A Widower.



Frank Mellus, a millionaire Los Angeles manufacturer, photographed in court at the murder trial of Leo P. Kelley, a handsome "butcher's boy." The latter is accused of murdering Mrs. Mellus in the living room of her palatial suburban home.

Young Corbett.



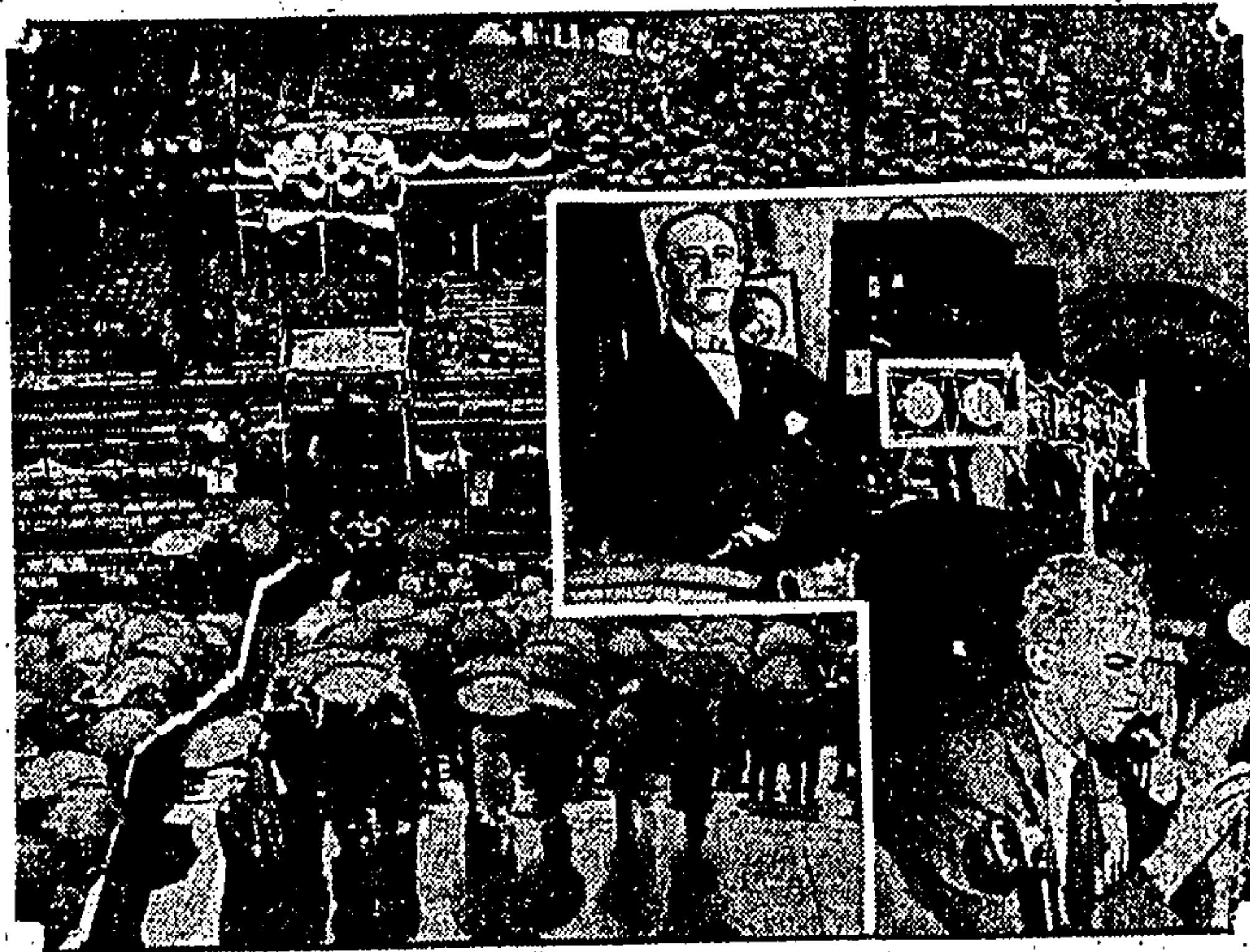
Young Corbett, of Fresno, who signed to meet Sammy Baker in New York. The winner is promised a bout with Joe Dundee for the welterweight boxing title.

Victor and Vanquished.



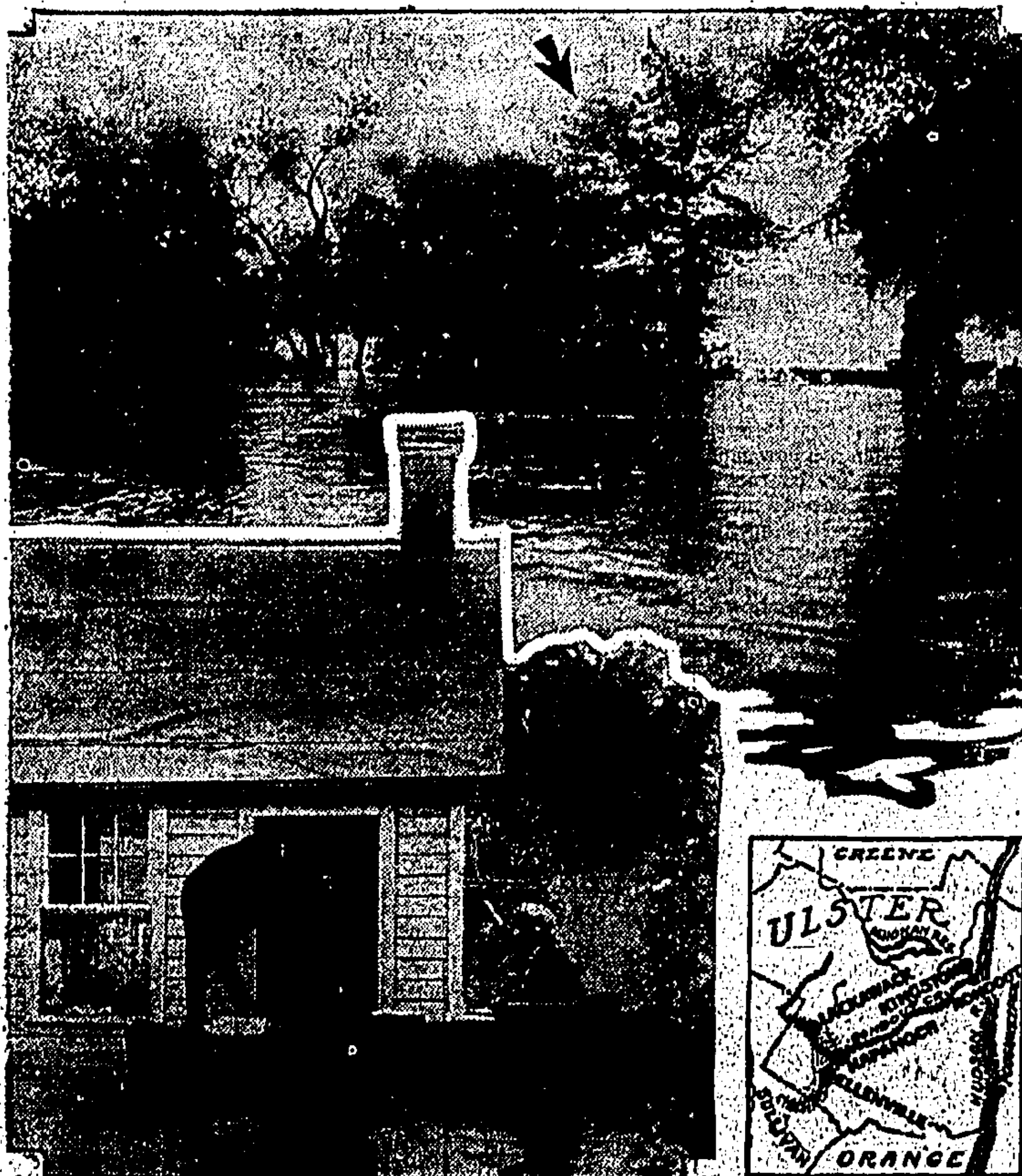
Two famous Helens fought it out at Forest Hills, L. I., for the women's singles championship of America. Photo at left shows Helen Wills, champion of England, France and the United States, in a characteristic action shot during her match with Helen Jacobs, right. Centre, the two Helens with the cup presented to Miss Wills by Walter Merrill Hall, U. S. L. T. A. official.

"I Accept the Call of My Party."



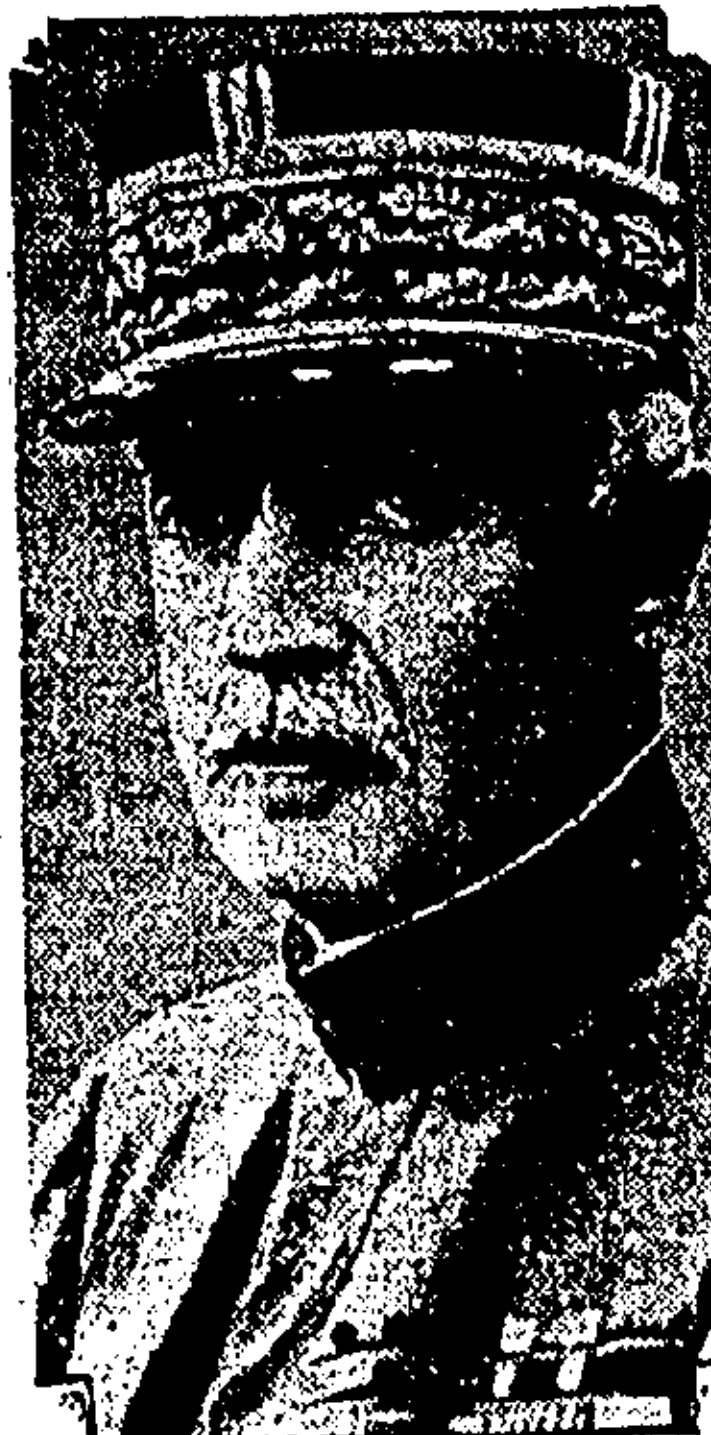
Delivering stirring appeal for modification of Volstead Act and a change in Eighteenth Amendment, Governor Alfred E. Smith is shown here accepting the Democratic nomination for president. Rain halted the plans for an acceptance speech on the Capitol steps, but it failed to dampen the spirit of ardent supporters who had gathered under umbrellas and listened to the party's standard-bearer. Inset, close-up of Governor Smith before the microphone.

New York's Floods.



Picture at top shows general view of Rondout Valley (New York) in which three persons were drowned by flood waters and damage estimated at more than \$34,000,000 done. Below, volunteers are holding the door of an abandoned home. The map shows the towns affected by the overflow.

Sound Taps for Him.



Marie Emile Fayolle, Marshal of France, and one of the greatest leaders of the World War produced, died of illness complicated by old wounds received in the Sudan. During the critical period of 1918 he commanded an army group which struck a powerful blow against the Germans between Soissons and Chateau Thierry.

She Roots for "Al."



Photo shows pretty Anna Marie Johnson of Buffalo, wearing the new White House high hat in honour of Governor Alfred E. Smith. She was in attendance at notification ceremonies in Albany, where not even the rain could dampen her spirits.

Rivals in a Duel.



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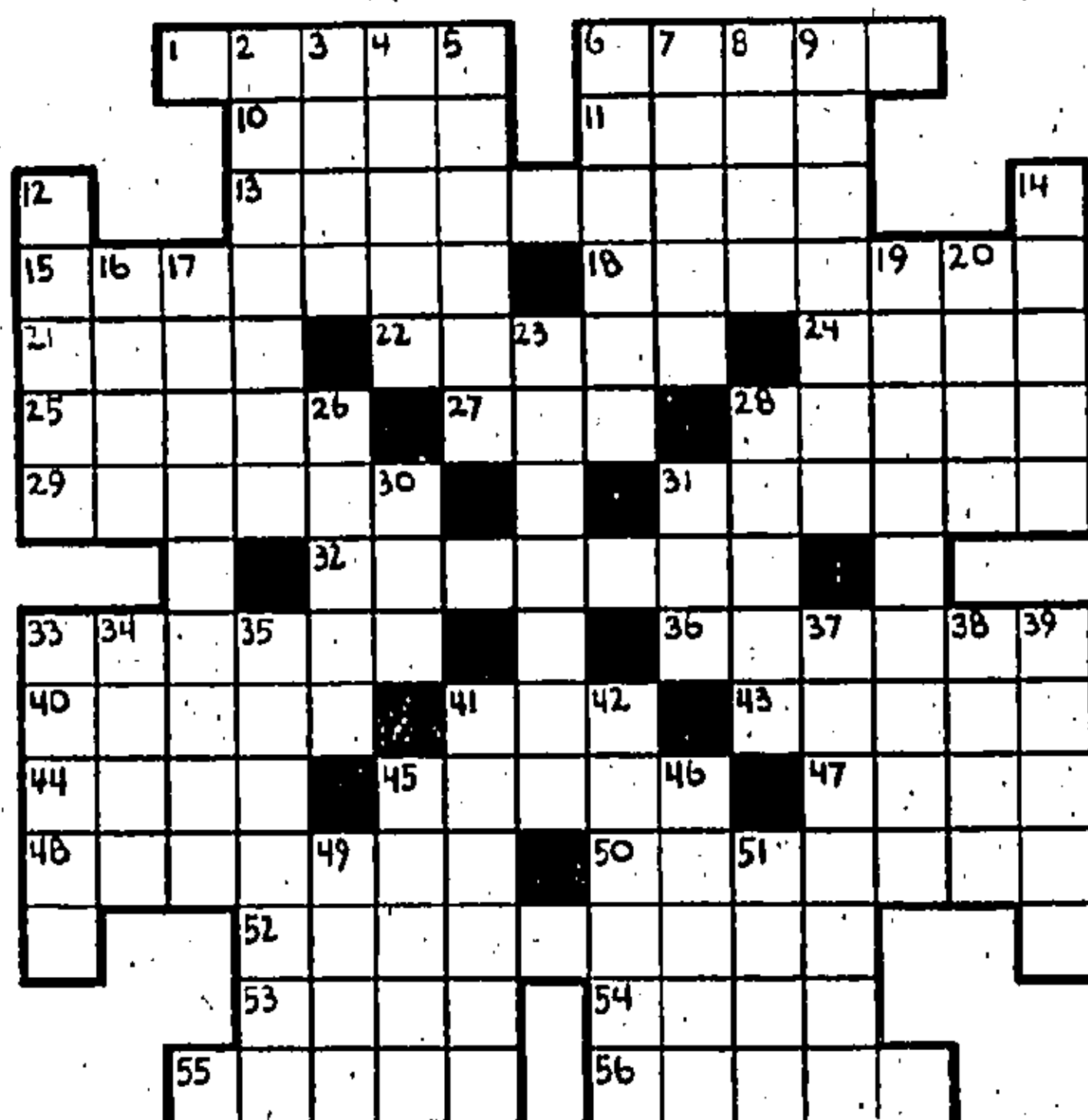
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-Capital of Fayal in the Azores
- 8-Avoid by artifice
- 10-One of the Apostles
- 11-Sheepfold
- 13-Apparatus for recording pressure variations
- 15-Lincoln's secretary of war
- 18-Remainder
- 21-Persian fairy
- 22-Hiras
- 24-Bahamian river
- 25-Joint
- 27-Small cube
- 28-Wigwam
- 29-Controlled
- 31-Combination of boron with a more positive element
- 32-Scraping instrument used in grading
- 33-Quiver
- 35-V-shaped ramparts
- 40-Courses of a race
- 41-Taste
- 43-American novelist and nature lover

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 44-Scold
- 45-Former mistress of the seas
- 47-Manner
- 48-Religious recluse
- 50-Section of Asiatic Russia
- 52-Idol-worshippers
- 53-Fervent earnestness
- 54-Image or likeness
- 55-Notable achievements
- 56-Capital of Sussex County, England

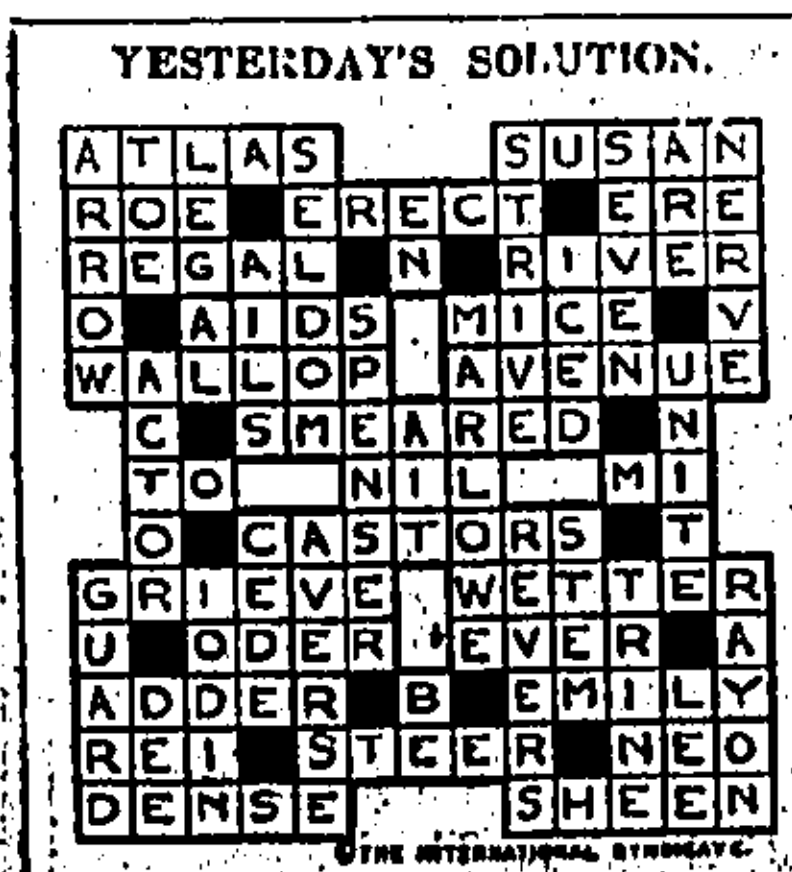
VERTICAL

- 2-Conviction
- 3-Bluster
- 4-Type of architecture
- 6-Formed into line
- 6-French card game
- 7-Ballets
- 8-Small particle of matter
- 9-French for "last"
- 12-Turkish unit of money
- 14-Straw (Obsolete)

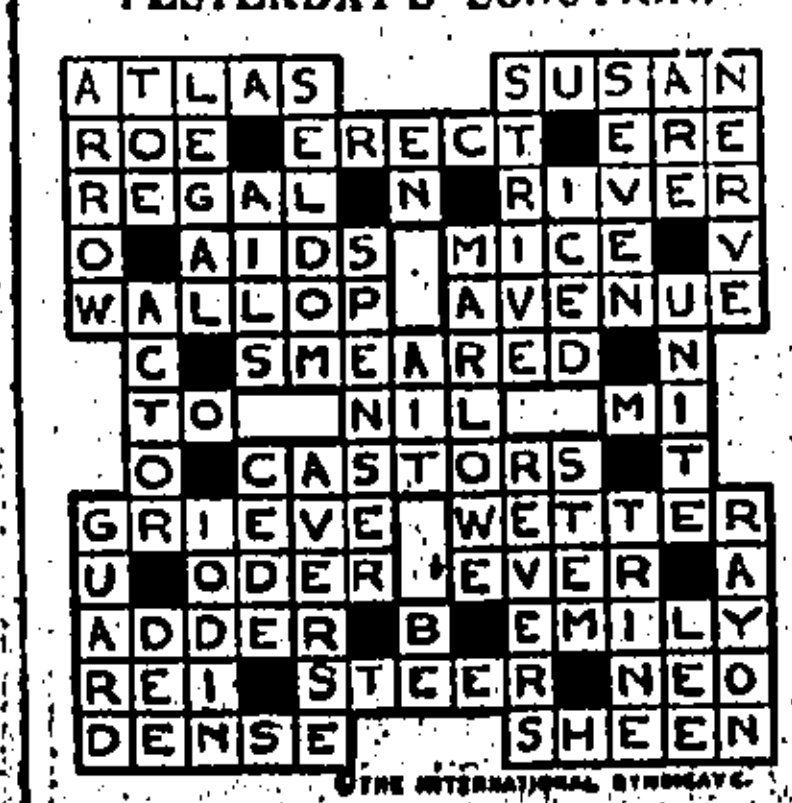
VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 16-Prank meaning far away
- 17-Mediate
- 19-Inhaler
- 20-Want
- 23-British territory in Africa
- 26-Present-day English novelist (Scottish)
- 28-Saddle pommel
- 30-Eastern State (abbr.)
- 31-Birr (Scottish)
- 33-Hurtled
- 34-Listen to
- 35-Olive particulars of
- 37-Landed estate
- 38-Plural of nodus
- 39-Petty thief
- 41-Incantations
- 42-Seed-bearing part of flower
- 45-Weasel
- 46-Relative
- 49-Mental image
- 51-Upper portion of a hill

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



THE WORLD OF BOOKS

THE CURSE OF ISHMAEL

The Handicap of Illegitimate Birth

Since Ishmael was cast out into the wilderness with Hagar, those born out of wedlock have been severely handicapped in life's race; yet in the pages of History's book of fame their names are legion. "Brought into the world with a disregard for established law, custom, or etiquette," writes Dr. A. S. Rappoport in "Splendid Sons of Sin" (Stanley Paul, 18s.), "these sons of sin seem to have disregarded in their turn the ordinary laws of life, to have walked new paths and paved new ways. In almost every instance Nature seems to have showered her gifts upon such children of sin and to have endowed them with courage, intelligence, and even genius."

Greatly struck by this phenomenon, the author seeks some explanation. "History offers us," he says, "many examples, especially in dynastic families, where the legitimate children are miles behind the illegitimate offspring in energy and intelligence. Now, are there any physiological and psychological reasons for the facts I have enumerated? Could they not be adduced as an additional proof that the crossing of races is advantageous for the human species?" Leaving the reader to ponder over this curious problem, he proceeds to illustration.

Founders of Dynasties
Illustrations indeed are the names upon the roll. Themistocles, Ptolemy Soter, Jugurtha King of Numidia, Theodoric King of the Ostrogoths, Heliogabalus, Emperor of Rome, Charles Martel, the famous Mayor of the Palace who saved Europe from the Saracens at the battle of Tours, Arnoul Emperor of Germany—all were natural sons. Dynasties have been founded by them—in England by William the Conqueror, in Portugal by John I., in Naples by Frederick I., and in Castile by Henry of Trastámara; whilst pre-Norman England had two such Kings in Edmund the Martyr and Harold Godwinson.

Almost every walk of life is represented. The Church by Edmund Bonner and Stephen Gardiner; Science and the Arts by Boccaccio, Leonardo da Vinci, Erasmus (probably the greatest scholar the world has ever known), Cardanus, Richard Savage the poet, and d'Alembert, who was found abandoned as a babe on the steps of a Parisian church. Luckily for the great philosopher and posterity, he was forthwith adopted by a kindly couple, who cherished him as their own son. The Duke of Berwick, natural son of James II. and Arabella Churchill, won fame as a Marshal of France during his father's exile.—"John O' London's Weekly."

WIT AND WISDOM OF JESUS

[The Wit and Wisdom of Jesus, Also Carlyle and Emerson: A Contrast, by George Wright Buckley. Battle Creek, Mich.: Ellis Publishing Company.]

This little volume sets forth a phase of the teachings of Jesus not commonly touched upon by the host of authors who have essayed to evaluate the life and works of the Nazarene prophet. It especially deals with the extraordinarily acute discriminations found in many of his teachings and with the scarcely less remarkably keen wit which the Master brought to bear in touching upon many of the wicked conditions of the times. The author frequently contrasts the words of Jesus with those of Emerson and Carlyle, whose comments upon the conditions of society in the nineteenth century still make profitable and entertaining reading.

To cite a single example of the author's method: In a chapter headed "Pithy Sayings and Retorts" he writes: "In the midst of the superb wit of the man of Galilee were coined the most pregnant sayings which have gone into the world's permanent circulation. How much are we his debtors daily for some pleasant, or epigram, that gives pith and point to speech!" And he follows with many brilliant sayings of Jesus so sententious that they have come to be the axioms and epigrams of common speech.

When Jesus urges the simple fishermen to become his apostles, he wittily remarks, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." He exhorted his disciples to let their "light shine before men." He declares, "A city set on a hill cannot be hid." If one has seen mountain-born Sated in its lofty site, to which the Master referred, the aptness of this utterance will be manifest. "Many are called, but few are chosen"—"The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few"—"The labourer is worthy of his hire." These and other familiar statements are cited as examples of the remarkable conciseness and wisdom of Jesus' words.

Mr. Buckley finds many instances of the play of humour in the sayings of Jesus, a good example being the reply to the Canaanitish woman who besought him to heal her daughter "grievously vexed with a devil." Every student of the New Testament and especially the inquirer into the innermost meanings of the Master's teachings will find much stimulation and food for thought in this little volume. It shows a thorough knowledge of the New Testament and is written with a brilliancy of style which is quite fascinating.—A. F. G. in "Christian Science Monitor."

A HUMAN STAG

["Bambi." By Felix Salten. (Cape, 6s. net).]

A number of writers on the Continent—in German, not in Latin countries—are writing, or have written, books in which the characters are animals who converse in human fashion. "The Little Bee," as yet untranslated, was one, and its success in Austria has been immense. "Bambi," hailing from the same part of Europe, is in this class. It is described by Mr. John Galsworthy, who comes more and more into the light as a humanitarian, as "a little masterpiece."

We can accept the verdict only after a large concession. The whole psychology is founded on a false view. Animals do not anticipate, as we anticipate; and there is no common means of communication between one species and another. Almost the most salient fact in Nature, though there are strange exceptions is the disregard of one species by another, unless they stand in the relation of hunter and hunted, and not only man in Nature is "red in tooth and claw." We ought all of us to be humanitarians; but love of animals is too near a religion to be founded on false facts. Its priests too often pervert truth.

With this proviso, Herr Salten's book may be accepted as a poetic story of a wild deer that children would like; and what real children like usually has attractions for the rest of us. He knows the ways of woodland deer, and many incidental passages have the charm of real insight. More than this, he deals with the elemental things of life, of birth, marriage and death, with a graceful naturalness and quiet realism that is rare and beautiful. He is less successful with the subject of primitive religion. For the most part the references to man, as He or Him (sic), the joint God and Devil of the wood, would not be accepted by Callban, the chief apostle of the creed, as even plausible. But the tale is a good tale, an unforced narrative, of a certain emotional quality, told in unaffected prose and adorned with passages of such sympathetic insight as belongs to the best verse. It is founded on deep feeling, and evokes it.

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"MAGAZINE KING" OF JAPAN

Selji Noma and His Ten Million Readers

In a beautiful villa near Tokyo, behind locked doors sits a man whom Europe, and more especially America, would do well to watch. He rarely goes out of doors and he receives few callers. He sleeps by day and works by night—sometimes through days and nights on end, for his physique and endurance are phenomenal even for a Japanese. He employs nearly 50,000 people, but has never visited any of his places of business. He is to all intents and purposes a hermit. Yet he probably wields a bigger influence than any other man in the Far East.

A Man of Mystery
How little we know of the forces that move the world! This man, Selji Noma—how many of us have even heard his name still less know anything of what he stands for? But ask any Japanese, and he will tell you—not much about who he is, for Selji Noma is a mystery even to his own countrymen; but a great deal about what he is.

He will tell you that Selji Noma is a publisher of popular magazines, who by skilful advertising, a genius for gauging the public's taste and giving it what it wants, has built a pinnacle for himself that many Press magnates of the West might envy. It is often assumed that the art of publicity is purely a Western conception; at any rate, it is not easy to associate it with "the inscrutable East."

But consider these figures: In addition to his large output of books Selji Noma publishes nine magazines every month. More than ten million people read them regularly, that is, one out of every five of the Japanese population. One magazine alone, "The King" has a circulation of a million and a half. Three-quarters of the stock-in-trade of every bookstall comes from Mr. Noma's presses. Two hundred railway-wagon loads of printed matter leave his works every month. He supplies the wants of every age and every class.

Guiding Principles
It is worth while, therefore to inquire what are his guiding principles; particularly so at a time when a healthy public opinion in the Far East might do much to solve many difficulties. His aims are described in an interesting little pamphlet published by Dai Nippon Yubenkai Kodansha of Tokyo. First of all he believes in the doctrine of "Greater Japan"—that is, a Japan "burning" with ambition to serve the Emperor and the nation, perfect in morals, honest in work, strong in will, and valourous in fighting."

As for Japan's part in international affairs, Mr. Noma says: "In recent years I have heard much about high-toned international idealism, a great movement for universal peace and brotherhood, but it seems to me that Japan has not as yet attained that place in the world in which she may benefit others by her own greatness."

"Her first duty is to attain to a position wherein she may have her voice heard; she must first develop what is in her, make the most of what she has and I believe that there is something in the Oriental culture which, if properly prepared, will provide salutary moral food for the nation."

The Mind of the People
Mr. Noma began life as a primary school teacher, and he still regards himself as a teacher on a bigger scale. "You cannot expect the common people," he says, bluntly, "to regulate their daily conduct according to the principles of morality; they act first and think afterwards, and their impulses generally spring from the spirit of emulation of somebody they admire in stories or in life." That doctrine, he believes, is the key to success.

He shakes his head over the younger generation. "Lacking in zeal and spirit" is his verdict. "Their only ambition seems to consist in getting the salary of a Prime Minister for the work of an office-boy. At such a time do you think it wrong of me to preach the doctrines of greatness, worship and fiery ambition for youth?"—"John O' London's Weekly."

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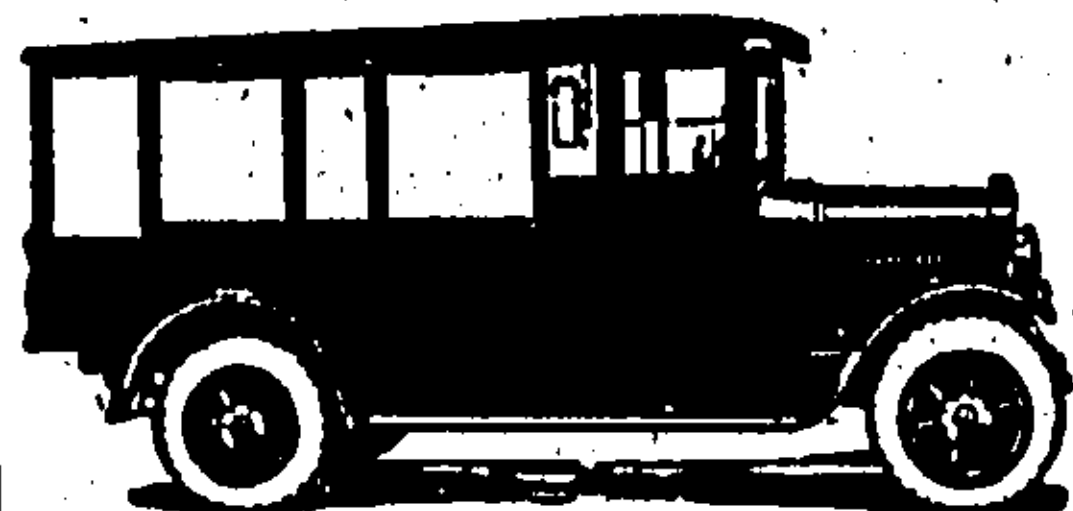
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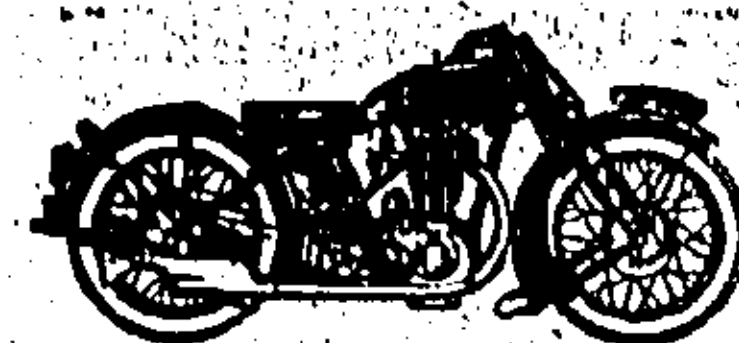


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"GRAF ZEPPELIN" COMPLAINTS

AN INQUIRY

ORDER FROM U. S. SECRETARY OF NAVY.

"FALSE IMPRESSIONS"

Washington, Yesterday. The Secretary of the Navy has ordered the Commandant of the Naval Air Force station at Lakehurst to hold an inquiry with reference to the reports regarding the treatment accorded by Customs officials, police and others to the passengers and crew of the "Graf Zeppelin" on the latter's arrival. The officials of the Navy Department have stated that no complaints have been received, but that an inquiry is being held in order to dispel false impressions. Reuter's American Service.

AIR DISASTER

PLANE'S NOSE DIVE FROM 600 FEET

PANICKY PASSENGER?

Atlantic City, Yesterday. A party of bankers attending a convention of the Investment Bankers' Corporation was taken on a sight-seeing trip over the city in a Junker's monoplane when the machine nose dived from 600 feet. Two of the passengers were killed and five seriously injured before the eyes of their wives, who were watching the flight.

The cause of the disaster is unknown, but the manager considers that a passenger crawled from the cabin into the relief pilot's cockpit and got panicky when the pilot executed a wing over. He then seized the controls. This theory is suggested by the fact that the pilot while being taken to hospital kept shouting "Get to hell away from those controls."—Reuter's American Service.

THE "MOTH"

MACDONALD STILL MISSING

SEEN FROM DUTCH STEAMER

London, Yesterday. The aerodromes at Croydon and Stag Lane have been brilliantly lighted all night, while the staffs have kept a vain watch for signs of MacDonald. Anxiety grew towards 4 o'clock in the morning when it was realised that the airman's petrol supply was likely to be exhausted, but the only news of MacDonald's whereabouts since he set out is a report that he was seen by a Dutch steamer at 12.50 yesterday morning at a spot 600 miles from his point of departure. —Reuter.

CRAIGENGOWER C.C.

PRESIDENT REPORTS A GOOD YEAR

NEW OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the Craigenpower Cricket Club, held in the clubhouse yesterday evening, Mr. R. Bass, President, in the chair, congratulated the club on the fine results of the year's working. Discussing the club's "bad debts" the President said, in answer to certain questions, that the club aimed at helping everyone, and the laying down of a hard and fast rule that a member's debt should not exceed \$50, would not serve any good or useful purpose. There must be bad debts everywhere, he said, and the Craigenpower was no exception.

The election of officers, for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President: Mr. R. Bass. Vice-President: Mr. A. A. Alves. Hon. Secretary: Mr. D. Rumjahn. Hon. Treasurer: Mr. D. K. Kharras.

Cricket Captain: Mr. R. M. Omar. Vice-Captain: Mr. R. C. Reed. Captain 2nd XI: Mr. E. Mow Fung. General Committee: Messrs. B. W. Bradbury, W. P. Musket, W. Allan, E. Mow Fung, F. A. Dixon, C. S. Roselet, F. K. Mody and D. Fritz.

An honorarium was granted to the Hon. Treasurer, the amount being \$200. A similar sum was voted to the Hon. Secretary.

STORY OF ISLAND RAID

FOUR PRISONERS

POLICE REPORTS SEQUEL TO THE RECENT PIRACIES

SYSTEMATIC SEARCH

How a posse of Police, over 30 strong, including men in the Emergency Squad and from the C.I.D., raided an island in the southern waters of the Colony was related by a tired but happy band on their return to Hong Kong last night with four prisoners, 14 rifles (some say 17), a revolver, a basketful of ammunition—and the corpse of a man.

Following this week's series of piracies on native craft off Lantau and elsewhere, a systematic raid was made on a number of islets to the south of Cheung Chau. The Police were under Det.-Inspector L. P. Lane and they carried rifles, water-bottles and other equipment as though prepared for a siege. Detectives with close knowledge of the locality were also sent out.

One island (Pu O) was found to be deserted except for an old woman. The dozen or so huts were searched and a revolver was found. The Police withdrew to No. 4 launch and passed Thursday night with look-outs on duty. Yesterday morning four men were seen returning. They were rounded up and the rifles and ammunition was found. Investigations continued until yesterday afternoon.

Mystery attaches to the dead body brought back but it is known that he was not shot down by the Police. It is believed in Police circles that the base from which the junk pirates operated was found, together with their armoury.

COOLIE'S DEATH

SEQUEL TO MOTOR LORRY SKID

JURY'S SUGGESTION

An accident involving the death of a coolie was investigated by Mr. W. Schofield, sitting as Coroner, and a jury at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon. The fatality occurred on a path-way leading from the hillside into Prince Edward-road, Kowloon City, on Sept. 27 when a Ford motor truck driven by a licensed driver, with only four days' experience, turned over, throwing four coolies and a load of stones on to the road. One of the coolies received injuries, which necessitated his removal to the hospital where he died later. Dr. I. Newton, in his evidence, said that defendant had succumbed to multiple fractures with shock as a contributory factor.

Sub-Inspector Mason said that on Sept. 18 the brakes had been properly fitted and he had made an examination. Regarding the accident, witness said that both the front-wheels of the lorry were smashed and the axle bent. The bands of the rear brakes were found to have been ineffective. According to the driver, the lorry skidded just before reaching the base of the incline.

Sergeant Scrim also gave evidence. The jury returned a verdict of "Accidental Death" and suggested that drivers should be more strictly tested and that the age limit should be raised to 22 years.

RHODODENDRONS

CHINESE VOGUE IN BRITISH GARDENS

Writing of the present vogue for rhododendrons in British gardens, a correspondent of "The Times" states that many of the new species from China and Tibet are hardly enough and when all the testing and sifting have been done there will remain a residue of hardy wild rhododendrons of incomparable beauty.

The Chinese rhododendrons, he continues, are curiously unlike in their ways. Some are in a hurry to show their qualities and begin to bloom within a few years of the sowing of the seed; others are slow, and may show little of their true form in the lives of the present generation. There is nothing surprising in that, however, because they vary from tiny things to giants as high as a house. Size is no criterion of quality, and some of the

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LONDON THEATRE

SEVERAL NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION

FOUR MORE PLANNED

A new theatre was opened in London last month—the Embassy Theatre, Swiss Cottage, N.W.

The Embassy is a small theatre with a policy of original productions. The opening play is to be "The Yellow Streak," by Miss Mabel Ellams Hope, with Miss Jeanne de Casalis in the leading part.

A number of other new theatres are being built in London. Chief among them is the Dominion, at the junction of Tottenham Court-road and New Oxford-street. It will be a big musical play house.

The Empire, Leicester-square, is rapidly being rebuilt, and will shortly be ready to be opened as a cinema theatre; and recently Miss Evelyn Laye laid the foundation stone of a big new theatre at Strathearn which is to be run rather on the lines of the Gaiety Green Hippodrome.

The erection of four more new London theatres is also being planned in Charing Cross-road, the south side of Leicester-square, in Soho, and near Drury-lane.

In the provinces, the Moss Empires are building a large up-to-date theatre in Southampton. This company's entirely rebuilt Edinburgh Empire was opened on October 1.

"A VILE CREATURE"

GIRL WHO TERRORISED AN OCTOGENARIAN

A girl of 18, who was said to have "worried the life out" of an 80-year-old man, Mr. William Bell, and threatened to murder him, was sentenced by Mr. Hay Halkett at Marylebone Police Court to six months' hard labour.

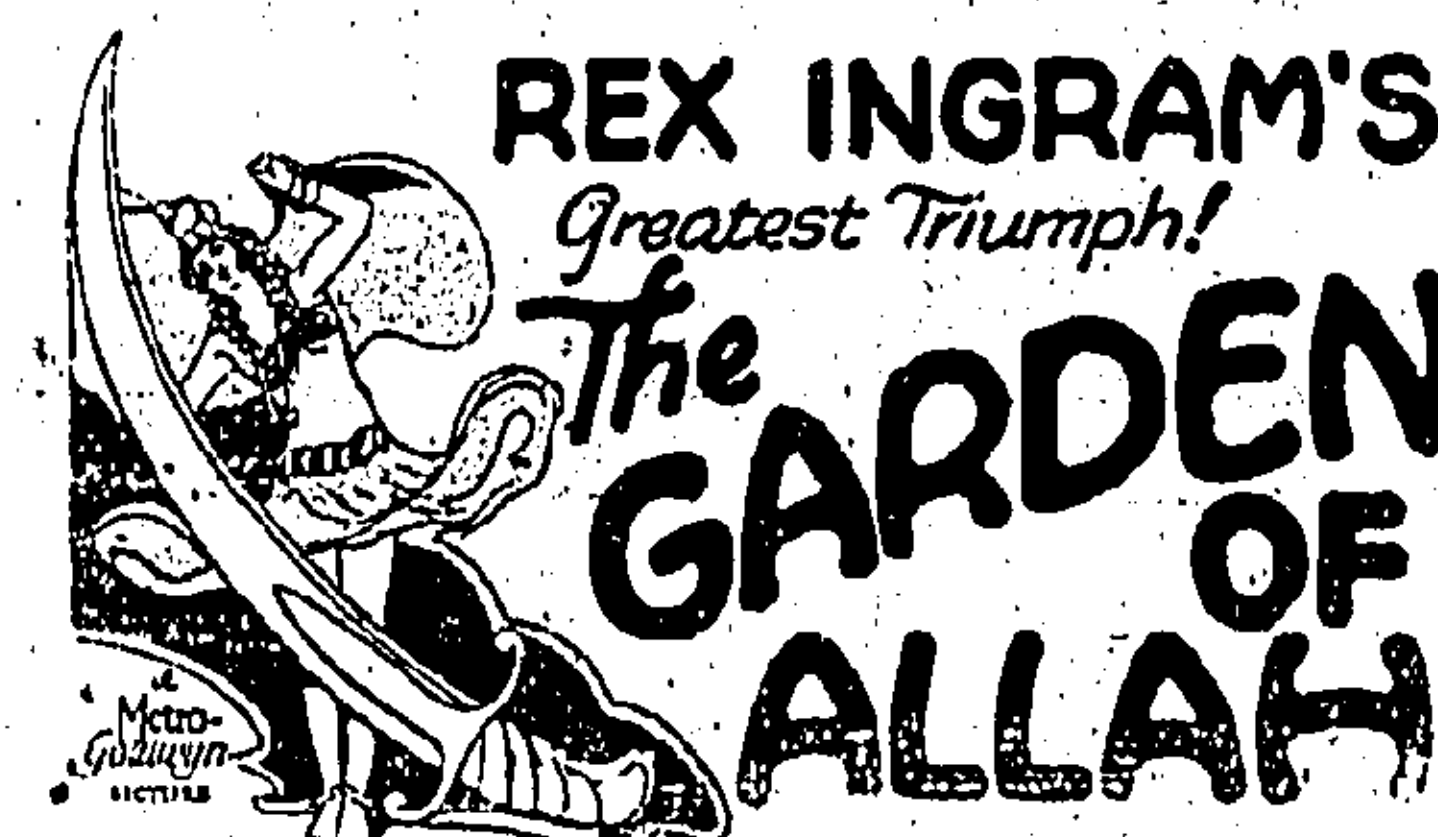
She was Florence Mansbridge, of James-street, Camden Town, N.W., and she was sentenced for stealing a wallet containing £6 from Mr. Bell's room at the same address. Detective Quinlan described the girl as the vilest creature he had ever had to deal with. For some time, he said, she had been going to Mr. Bell's room with her dog and worrying him. Whenever he went out she got in with a false key and ransacked his room. He had not prosecuted her before because he was in fear of her. After she had been arrested she declared, "I will murder the old man yet."

The officer said that when he went to arrest her she used most vile language and was so violent that he had to obtain assistance. She had been discharged from several homes as they could not tolerate her.

small rhododendrons are most desirable. The advent of Chinese rhododendrons has done much to lay the ghost of the notion, so persistently held by past generations, that peat is necessary for the welfare of all rhododendrons. They will flourish in soil innocent of peat provided it is also innocent of lime as, for instance, in East and West Sussex, and the district of Haslemere, in Surrey, where the rhododendrons planted by James Mangies at Valewood 60 years ago are a proof of their liking for a rather heavy loam. The fact that rhododendrons flourish on the Telford and Liching mountains—the two great limestone ranges of Yunnan—has led to a hope that the species of those mountains may settle down on any soil here. Time and a clearer understanding of the "functions" of the minute fungi which abound in the minute fungi which abound in the rhododendrons will doubtless elucidate a point of immense interest to a wide circle of gardeners living on hilly ground, and meanwhile they need not despair.

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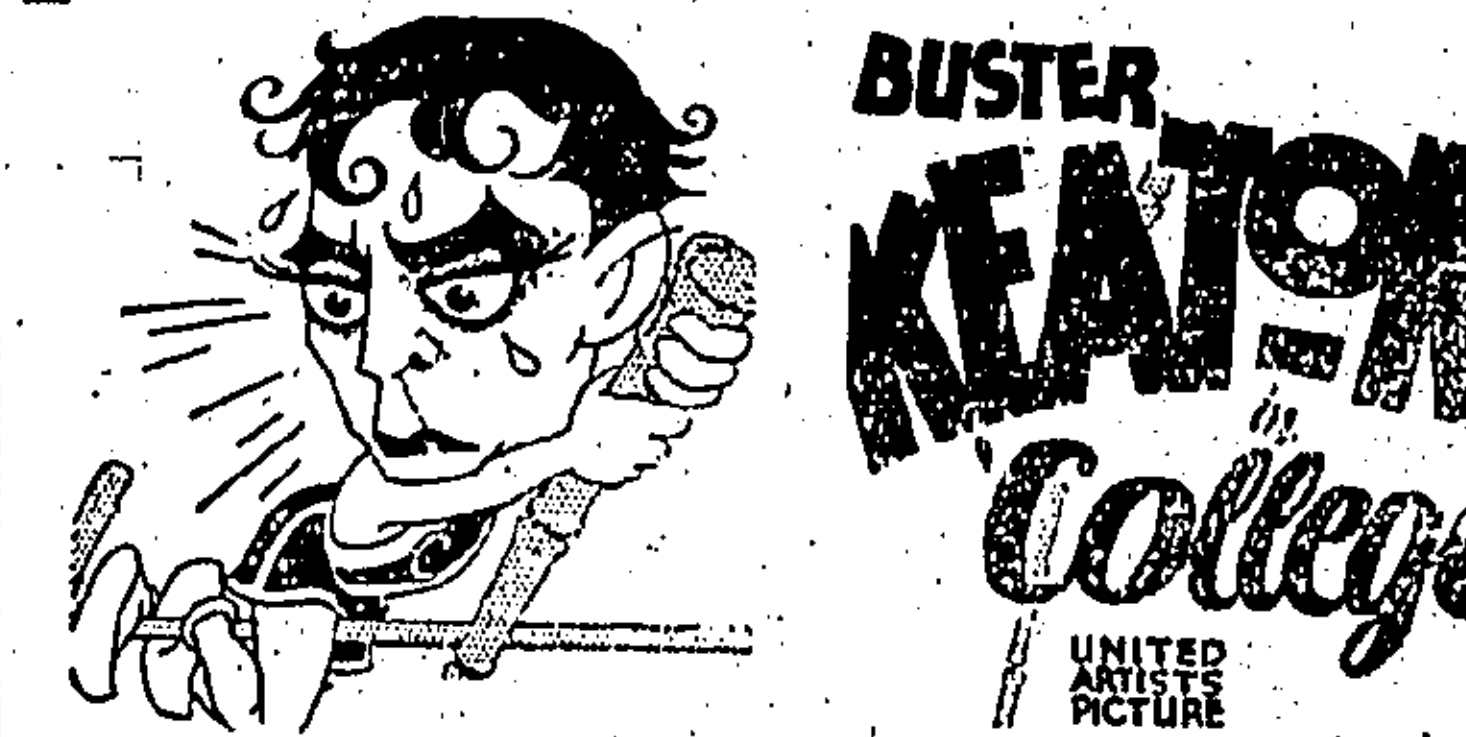
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